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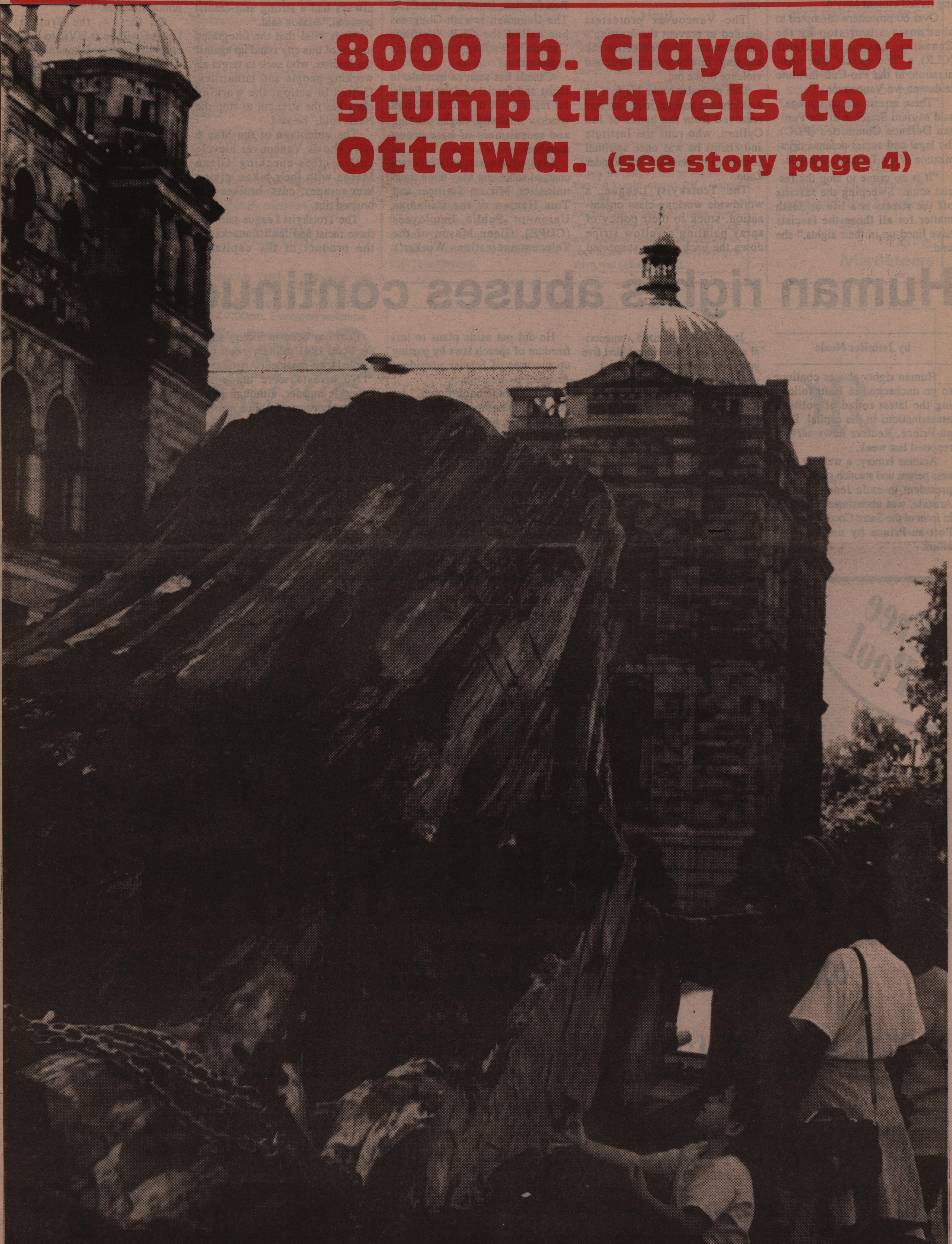

photo by Dave Clements

Socialists charged as fascists go free

by Stephen DeMeulenaere

Six anti-fascist demonstrators were charged after a protest against a Vancouver hate gathering turned violent May 6.

Over 60 protesters attempted to shut down a tour stop by the Canadian League of Rights (CLR), a "free speech" hate organization, at the Pro-Cult Institute in downtown Vancouver.

"These arrests are an outrage," said Miriam Scribner of the Partisan Defence Committee (PDC), the legal and social defense organization of the Trotskyist League.

"It is no crime to stop the fascist scum. Sweeping the fascists off the streets is a life or death matter for all those the fascists have lined up in their sights," she said.

Mobilization by minority, human rights, public interest and religious organizations prevented a similar meeting at a Victoria motel when the motel's owner was persuaded to cancel the venue.

The Vancouver protesters decided to prevent the meeting's participants from entering the building. Insults were traded, and violence broke out.

One protester broke his foot on a skinhead, and an iron bar was removed from the hands of Jud Cyllorn, who runs the Institute and claims he was once spiritual advisor to ex-premier Bill Vander Zalm.

The Trotskyist League, a worldwide working-class organization, stuck to their policy of spray painting a yellow stripe down the back of any suspected skinhead, racist, fascist or hate-monger they can get their hands on.

Cyllorn's face and neck were coated with yellow paint.

The meeting was organized by Ron Gostick, founder of the CLR. The Canadian Jewish Congress has called the CLR "perhaps Canada's leading anti-semitic organization."

Canada has seen an increase in racist and fascist violence. Regular reports out of Victoria detail window smashing, slogan painting and recruitment of hate group members.

Five of the six anti-fascists charged following May 6 are trade unionists. Miriam Scribner and Tom Hansen of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Glenn Mason of the Telecommunications Worker's Union, Bob McBurney of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), and Oliver Scribner of the Office and Technical Employees Union were charged.

"Working people's unions have always had a strong anti-fascist position," Mason said.

"It is vital that the integrated unions of this city stand up against the fascists, who seek to target all working people and minorities. United in action, the working class has the strength to stop the Nazis cold," he said.

The videotape of the May 6 rally shows Vancouver bicycle police cross-checking Glenn Mason with their bikes, giving him scrapes, cuts, bruises and bruised ribs.

The Trotskyist League said that these racist and fascist attacks are the product of the capitalist counter revolution that swept Eastern Europe, coupled with a worldwide depression.

The B.C. Organization to Fight Racism has also attributed the rise in racist violence to the poor economic situation.

On Oct. 4, the Trotskyist League will be at UVic to present cases of effective labor and minority mobilizations against racists and fascists in Vancouver, and in the United States.

They will show videos of the May 6 demonstration and battle, the 1979 Greensboro massacre of Black civil rights marchers by the Ku Klux Klan and aided by the local police, and the 1985 U.S. Army bombing of the Philadelphia MOVE Black ghetto squatters commune.❑

Human rights abuses continue in Haiti

by Jennifer Neale

Human rights abuses continue to go unchecked in Haiti following the latest round of political assassinations in the capital, Port-au-Prince, Reuters news service reported last week.

Antoine Izmery, a wealthy business person and staunch supporter of president-in-exile Jean-Bertrand Aristide, was assassinated Sept. 11 in front of the Sacre Coeur church in Port-au-Prince by unidentified killers.

Izmery had organized a memorial service for the victims killed five years ago in a church massacre.

During the service, Izmery was dragged out of the church by members of the congregation and shot in the head, witnesses said.

The assassins also shot a bystander, perhaps the only witness to the actual killing.

Before the service began, Izmery was warned that should the service continue, there would be bloodshed. However, he told reporters, the service would take place.

He did put aside plans to test freedom of speech laws by pasting up pictures of former president Aristide.

"We cannot back down," he said, shortly before the much publicized mass began. "We have a responsiblity on our backs."

Izmery's murder was the latest in a wave of violence in recent weeks in Haiti. Only days before, five people were killed when approximately 200 armed people tried to stop the re-installation of pro-democracy Port-au-Prince mayor, Evans Paul.

Paul has been in hiding since the Sept. 1991 military coup that toppled then-president Aristide.

No arrests were made for Izmery's murder, although there was no shortage of police nearby, both before and after the assassination took place.

United Nations negotiator Dante Caputo blamed the lack of police action on Col. Michel Francois, the city's police chief. Francois, he said, played a key role in the success of the 1991 coup, and is responsible for the recent murders in Haiti.

The killings and psychological warfare are seen as part of an intimidation campaign aimed at blocking Haiti's transition to democracy. The transition is scheduled for Oct. 30 with the return of Aristide to Haiti.

Aristide's return is becoming more uncertain as violence and death threats against journalists and government officials continue at a dizzying pace.❑

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Victoria Green Party candidate Donna Morton, fighting for diversity in Ottawa.

Greens sell optimism

by Dave Clements

The Green Party has always been a little different from other groups on the Canadian political scene. Federal Green candidate Donna Morton wants the chance to show just how different.

"Our country is run by lawyers and business people. They are one class, one elite corporate perspective," said Morton.

"We need to elect a young woman to Ottawa. We need to create diversity in the House of Commons."

The lack of diversity has seen the creation of policies that don't come close to treating all Canadians fairly, Morton said.

"It's a myth that we live in a democracy."

If elected, the Greens want more of a participatory nature for their ridings. "We want to to run the constituency of Victoria as a round table, so it's Victoria that goes to Ottawa.

"I'm running to be a voice for the collective wisdom of Victoria," Morton said. "We need somebody to be a watchdog in Ottawa."

The Green Party has contested every municipal, provincial, and federal election in Greater Victoria since 1983. Morton said this Green campaign will highlight opposition to NAFTA, and illustrate the Greens' comprehensive job policy.

"We want to debunk the myth that it is jobs versus the environment," said Morton. "The NDP has done that provincially, blaming hardworking people instead of corporations.

"It's a myth that we live in a democracy."

"We need to take our country back from the transnationals."

The Green Party has never taken more than two per cent of the popular vote in Victoria. However, they seized 3.1 per cent provincially, and consistently pull 10 to 20 per cent municipally, coming within 12 votes of winning the mayorship in View Royal.

This spells good news for Morton, and future Green candidates.

"I am hopeful that there's a critical mass approaching a paradigm shift, that we don't view economics as infinite growth," she said.

Morton has harsh words for those who criticize the Green Party policies as unrealistic.

"What's more realistic than promoting clean air, clean water, freedom, justice and equality?

"We talk about amalgamating the whole social program system, about a guaranteed income for all people."

Morton also stressed the Green policy on the settlement of Aboriginal land claims. "We recognize First Nations' right to self-determination ... however they want it."

Green voters in 1993 will be members of "The environmental community, the arts community, and, the small business community, Morton said.

"I'm counting on people to be visionary. I'm counting on people to think about the future.

"If you care more about slick campaigns than your grandchildren, vote for anybody else."❑

Vote right in federal election

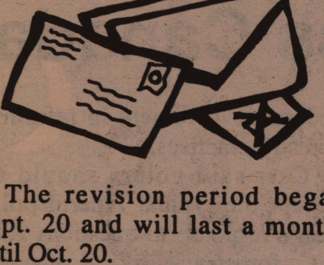
by Calinda Brown

Don't stay at home waiting for an enumerator this campaign period, because no one will be coming to your door.

Elections Canada is using the voters list from last October's referendum for the Oct. 25 federal election. It will be revised through offices set up in each riding, but no door-to-door enumeration will take place.

Students who have moved since last October must register themselves in their new riding to be able to vote.

Students may also apply to use a new mail-in ballot to vote in their parents' home riding. It is available through any Canada Post or Elections Canada office.



The revision period began Sept. 20 and will last a month, until Oct. 20.

Pat Eassie, revision supervisor for the Victoria riding, said students are being targeted.

"We are sending revision agents around Victoria where there is a big turnover," she said.

Cards detailing who is registered to vote in each household are being mailed out Sept. 20 to 23. They will also have information telling people not on these cards what to do to get on the voters list.

The University of Victoria is in the Victoria riding, but students living off campus will have to check which of South Vancouver Island's three ridings they live in.

To register, proof of identification is required: something with your name, signature and current address. A telephone bill or utility bill can be used as a current address if you have other I.D. with your name and signature.

For the Saanich - Gulf Islands riding, the revision office is in the Glendale Lodge, 4464 Markham St. Phone 479-2045.

For the Victoria riding, the office is at 707 Johnson St. Phone 363-8200.

The Esquimalt-Juan-de-Fuca office is at 2871 Jacklin Rd, phone 474-1462.

All three offices will be open 9-9 Mon. to Fri., 9-6 Sat. and 12-4 Sun. until Oct. 20.

If by some chance, you are still not registered by election day, don't despair. Take the same proof of identification that is required at the revision offices to the polls and you can be registered there. ❑

Travel Smart Day to save environment

by Zach LaPerriere

Victorians will have no excuse to solo their gas-guzzler Oct. 6.

The community-based Go Green Committee has declared Oct. 6 "Travel Smart Day." They hope alternatives like car-pooling, transit, cycling and walking will be people's choice that day and in the future.

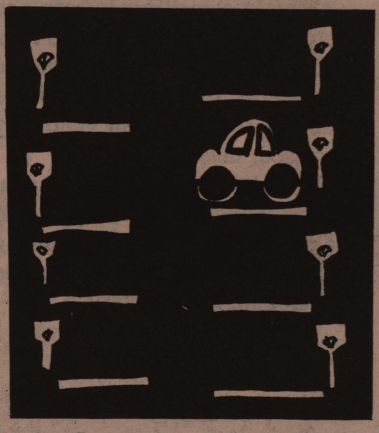
"Based on the success of Power Smart Day we're applying the same idea to transportation. If people can turn off their lights one night, why not the rest of the year ... The end goal is reducing single occupant vehicles," said Bill Johnston, committee member.

Johnston rides the bus for an hour to get to work. "I found that I was paying fifty dollars a month on my fuel bill. It's cheaper and better for the environment to take the bus," he said.

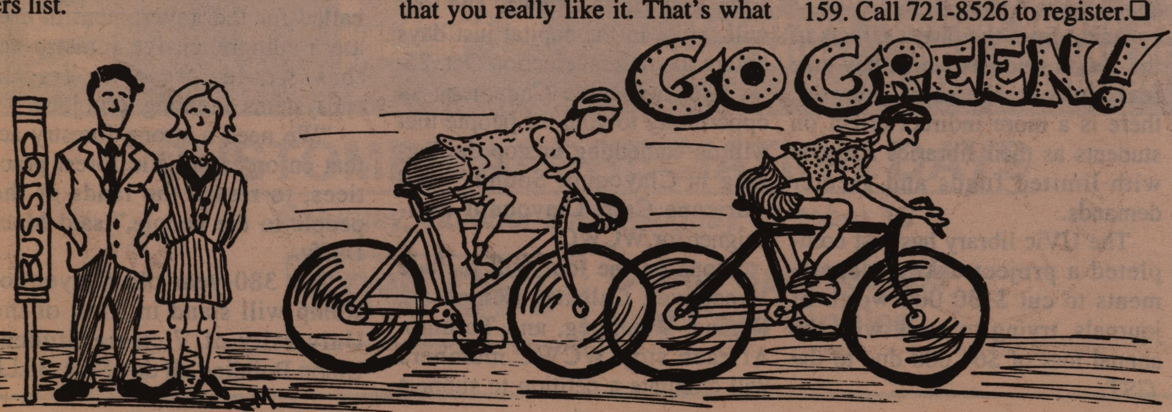
Johnston said he is sure alternatives to the car will catch on.

"We are creatures of habit. If you can take an alternative form of transportation, you might find that you really like it. That's what Travel Smart Day is all about. After all, where was recycling five years ago?" he said.

Camosun College has challenged the University of Victoria to see which campus can produce the emptiest parking lot.



There will also be a free panel discussion sponsored by the Division of Continuing Studies. "Avoiding Strip City," on Thursday, Sept. 30 will explore alternatives to the automobile. The discussion starts at 7.30 p.m. in UVic's Begbie building, room 159. Call 721-8526 to register.❑



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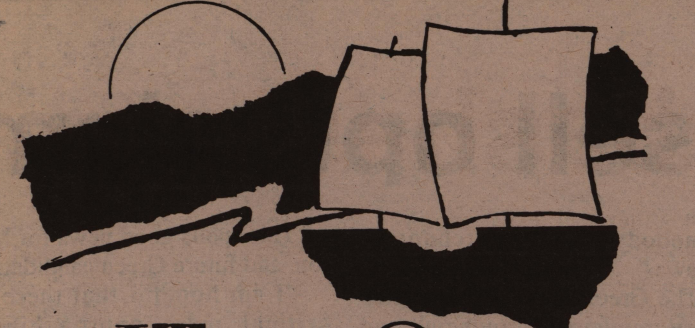

BRITISH COLUMBIA
History in the Making

by M.O. Time

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CHAPTER 1

The missing ingredient

Not so long ago in our misty past,
a time when through the silence,
you could hear a tree falling
in the forest.
Where everything was at one
with each other.
The people of this land
took with reverence for they
realized they were takers and gathers.
Respecting the spirit in all things
great and small.
Life was simple but still life
with its joys and sadnesses.
The land, water and sky
was abundant in creatures
and plants; full of its' own self.
Life breathed everywhere
rich and sweet.
One day just past daybreak
a vision appeared on the horizon
white and billowy.
It was a bit exciting, not forboding
for danger did lurk in these waters.
As it moved closer along the surface
of the water this vision turned into
a large wooden boat with white sails.
The natives of this ancient land
found the ways of the pale people
of the big boat different from
their own but friendly enough.
The boat people talked and preached
their civilization about giving
an inch and taking a foot.
Not understanding their
intentions or this philosophy
a foothold was naively forged
in the name of peaceful trading.
With a blink of an eye
in time and space the word
of great riches reached the
other horizon. Soon life changed
forever for the gentle people
of this land. So many came
pushing and shoving. Their eyes
saying gimmi and their hearts
full of take.
The natives traditional ways
were trampled on and they
were told to go their and stay.
Not to get in their way for you
are not free but your land is.
Their non-violent innocence
was to little up against the
hardened visitors ways: well
versed in getting the best deal
at any cost.
Why is it or who said that this behavior
is civilized and the gentler other
is heathen and savage.
This condensed chapter in our
history is not truly over until
these human rights have been
fully addressed by each and
everyone regardless of race,
religion, colour or political persuasion.

Footnote: Thanks for reading and watch **next week** for CHAPTER 2 "The taste of Clearcut" a tall tale about the logging of B.C. in this four chapter and many to come story of BRITISH COLUMBIA "History in the Making."

Several First Nations to support Commonwealth games

by Pierre Smith

Ancient Native welcoming ceremonies and ocean-going canoes will fill the Inner Harbor to open the 1994 Commonwealth Games.

Members of the Nuu-chah-nulth and Kwaguilth nations will be welcomed by the host nation, the Coast Salish.

Sabba Sall, Communications co-ordinator of the Native Participation Committee for the 1994 Commonwealth Games, dispelled rumors of a possible boycott by Island Natives.

"The three nations agreed that native participation was essential," at a meeting held Sept. 15 said Sall.

"In the meeting, a few individuals expressed some personal concerns," said Sall.

According to one member of the Nuu-cha-nulth nation these concerns stem mainly from individuals who disagree with the B.C. government's land-use decision over native lands in the Clayoquot region.

These individuals argue participation might give the false impression relations are good between the aboriginal people and the government of British Columbia.

"The possibility of a boycott," Sall says "is just a rumor." The concerns of these individuals were noted but the Nations seemed to have come to a consensus and they moved on to discuss the plans for First Nations activities at the Games said Sall.

emphasize the rich history of the Island, said Sall. It will make people realize that Victoria's history does not begin with the European settlement of this area.

Some First Nations are choosing to support Commonwealth games, others aren't. See follow-up next week.

Sall points out "Victoria was a central meeting and trading place," for Natives throughout the Island and mainland for hundreds of years before Sir James Douglas made it into a fur trading fort.

"The Songhees Band greeted many people [who had come to trade peacefully]," said Sall.

According to the Native Participation Committee this tradition will continue in 1994. In one of the many events planned by the committee, a traditional welcoming ceremony will take place in the Inner Harbor.

Dressed in full regalia, the Salish Nation will begin the games by welcoming indigenous people representing the Nuu-chah-nulth, Kwaguilth, Maoris (New Zealand), and Hawaiian nations entering the Inner Harbor in ocean-going canoes.

Traditional native welcoming ceremonies for the athletes will take place at the University of Victoria.

The athlete's village at UVic will be blessed by a native elder and named, "Thulleescha," a Salish name for the area it's being built on. According to Sall, this area was once used as a lookout.

Sall points out this welcoming is as much of a religious experience as a polite use of correct protocol.

The ritual welcoming ceremonies allow for the whole person to be present. It "unites the spirit and the body," Sall said.

The hope of the Native Participation Committee of the Games is to educate the public and to give people "a greater appreciation of first nation ideology, protocol and culture." ❑

Coalition fights GST

by Dana Hubler

Tax on textbooks is the issue organizers of the Don't Tax Reading Coalition (DTRC) ask students to include as they question federal election candidates and make voting decisions.

Over two million letters and postcards protesting the GST on reading material have been sent to the federal government, but the issue has still not been genuinely addressed, says the DTRC.

The Coalition is asking student help in launching a campaign to tell candidates in the upcoming federal election to remove the GST from reading materials.

"We can't buy as many books"

"Students have been hit hard by the new reading tax," said DRTC chairperson Jacqueline Hushion. "Students aren't free to opt out of book purchases, as many Canadians unfortunately have done, without harming their education."

Aside from the direct effects of the tax on students when they take textbooks to the sales counter, there is a more indirect effect on students as their libraries struggle with limited funds and greater demands.

The UVic library has just completed a project asking departments to cut $130 000 worth of journals, trying to work with the annual loss of $64 000 due to the GST.

"We have had to cut back on the service provided to the students," said head librarian Marnie Swanson. "We can't buy as many books and we certainly can't buy duplicates."

The National Party of Canada, the federal Liberal Party and the federal NDP have all promised in writing to remove the GST from reading material if they form the next government.❑

Local activists send stump across Canada

by Dave Clements

Local environmentalists think Canadians shouldn't be "stumped" about what their candidates' positions are on B.C. logging practices going into the federal election.

About 50 people showed up for the Western Canada Wilderness Committee press conference to launch The Big Stump Tour, a cross-Canada trip to encourage federal involvement in Clayoquot Sound.

WCWC spent five days removing the 8,000 pound stump from the Clayoquot, and will tow it from Victoria to Ottawa. The tour will arrive in the capital just days before the federal election Oct. 25.

"This will give Canadians an opportunity to vote for people that will do something to stop the logging in Clayoquot Sound," said Adrienne Carr, Clayoquot campaigner for WCWC.

Stops on the tour will include Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, and Toronto. At each stop WCWC members will circulate a petition to support federal involvement in reforming forestry practices.

Carr said voters should not accept the typical federal politician's response to questions about B.C. forestry: shirking responsibility for forestry as solely a provincial matter.

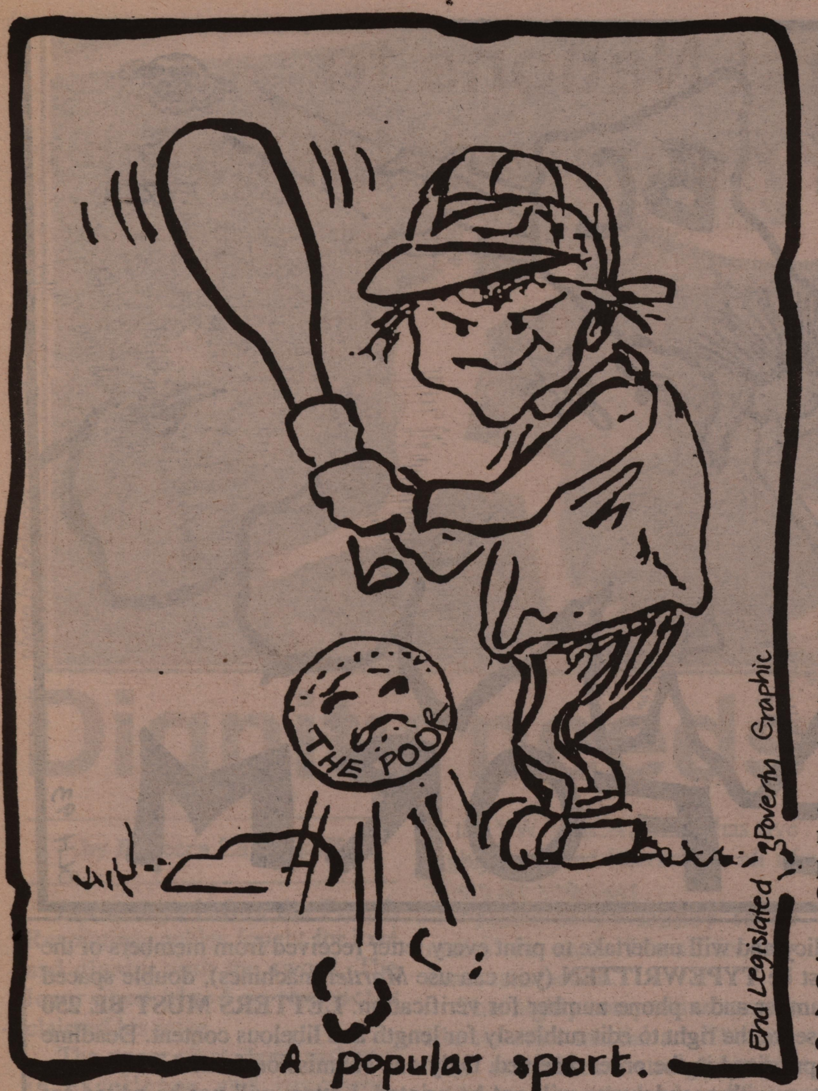
"This is not just a provincial issue, not just a local issue, but an international issue," said Carr.

Carr had one question for federal politicians contesting the upcoming election. "How do you stand on Clayoquot Sound ... will you help or hinder the process of justice?"

WCWC's Misty MacDuffy called for the government to create a comprehensive forestry act that would preserve fragile ecosystems and long term jobs.

"We need a strong forestry act that enforces holistic forest practices, to return the lands of the people to the people," said MacDuffy.

The 380-year-old Clayoquot stump will stand in front of the University of Victoria Student Union Building all day Sept. 30.❑



End Legislated Poverty Graphic

A popular sport.

Premier bashes poor

by Dave Clements

Casual comments last week by B.C.'s premier have anti-poverty activists steaming, and scrambling to set the record straight.

Premier Harcourt was quoted Sept. 23 as saying "We want to clear the cheats and deadbeats off the welfare rolls," and "We're not going to allow people who could and should be in the work force to sit there and do nothing."

Pat Chauncey of End Legislated Poverty, a province-wide group that lobbies governments on poverty issues, said the premier is using welfare recipients as a convenient target.

"This is one of the most vulnerable groups. There is not a category in the Human Rights Act for people of low income," said Chauncey.

Provincial statistics released in June, 1993 show 323,027 British Columbians were on welfare. 49,521 of these were single parents. Most recipients are ages 19 to 24, and are unemployed because they lack experience and education.

"People that are defrauding the system are not the typical welfare recipients," said Joanne Shaw, of Frontline Advocacy Workers (FLAW), and editor of FLAWline, a weekly newsletter that supports the plight of B.C.'s poor.

Chauncey agreed, citing statistics of convictions for welfare fraud to show welfare recipients are what the government terms "the deserving poor."

"The conviction rate for welfare fraud, even under the Socreds, was only 1.5 per cent. Nationally, it's not higher than three per cent," Chauncey said.

Accusations like the premier's "add to myths," and only serve to hurt and scare those who are on welfare for legitimate reasons, said Shaw.

"He blames poor people for poverty, and the unemployed for unemployment, to relieve himself from responsibility for unemployment," said Shaw.

"The NDP has done things the Socreds would never have done," Shaw said.

"Poor people didn't create poverty. It's like blaming women for sexism, or black people for racism."

ELP has asked for a formal apology from the premier to the poor of B.C., and want a meeting with Harcourt to discuss the issues.

Victoria anti-poverty groups will hold a federal all-candidates meeting called "The Issue is Poverty," Sept. 30 at 8 p.m. at St. John the Divine church hall, 925 Balmoral.

"All of the parties need work around their poverty platforms, but right now the Tories and the Reform Party are the worst," said Chauncey.

"Right now, we have a Tory government that has increased poverty in this country. We need to take seriously the policies of the Tory party.

"The cost of one [EH-101] helicopter would wipe out the waiting list for affordable housing in Victoria."❑

New university model of enthusiasm

by Arn Keeling
The Charlatan, Carleton University

PRINCE GEORGE (CUP) - At the public information session for the University of Northern British Columbia, the administrators had forgotten the key to the building, so they held it on the grass in a nearby park.

UNBC is the first new university built in Canada in 25 years. Despite a rocky first year, it is shaping up to be a legitimate educational destination for both students and faculty.

If enthusiasm and optimism count, UNBC may overcome the challenge of building a modern university from the ground up.

"The university doesn't want to be a glorified college," said UNBC media officer Rob van Adrichem.

Like the university, van Adrichem is young and enthusiastic. On a tour of the half-built university site on Cranbrook Hill overlooking the city, van Adrichem said the university has earned an early respect from its more established peers in Canada.

"It's got a reputation of being brash and confident," he said. However, establishing an operational university has not been easy.

UNBC began a "QuickStart" program last year, offering third and fourth year courses to students in northern B.C. transferring from colleges.

Course offerings were sparse and classes in Prince George were held in a small building used by the local French-Canadian Club.

The main university site will be completed and full course offerings available in September 1994.

Niki Yandeau and Heather Sapergia are part of the first group of UNBC students. They said the small number of students last year created a close atmosphere among the professors and their classes.

Only about 70 students attended UNBC courses in 1992-93, so the need for student organizations has not surfaced. To lobby for certain courses or changes to regulations, all the students had to do was ask.

"We sort of got what we wanted," said Sapergia, who found professors and administration responsive to students' suggestions.

However, with about 1,500 students expected to enroll for the official opening of the university in 1994, plans are in the works for a student government.

With the kind of input the students have had so far in developing the university, it's not surprising to see their excitement.

The public information session in the park, conducted by former University of Victoria history professor, and UNBC vice-president academic Ken Coates, was a vision of a university without the bureaucracy.

Coates answered questions about the calendar and asked the dozen or so students at the session how UNBC could best maintain a strong student voice in university affairs.

He told the students he hoped to establish a "student-driven timetable," tailored to meet the time constraints and course interests of students before faculty.

"We're looking for faculty who will accept that," Coates said.

Coates hopes giving students more input will attract prominent faculty rather than scare them away.

UNBC received 2,100 applications for only 40 new faculty positions for 1993-94. The applications have already yielded some high-profile professors.

The chair of the Natural Resource Management program was an assistant director with the United States Forest Service.

Many other professors lured to formulate programs are young yet have published and won teaching awards, Coates said.

Perhaps its crowning academic achievement has been the granting of a prestigious Fulbright scholarship to an American professor to teach and research at UNBC.

Only six such scholarships were awarded to Canadian universities last year.

A long road still lies ahead for UNBC. The Prince George Citizen reported in March that the first phase of construction for the university buildings came in over budget. The bill was about $8.7 million higher than expected, said van Adrichem.

There is only one road to the university. Work has been delayed on the new road up Cranbrook Hill because the hillside began to slip away. The road will open one year behind schedule in September 1995.

Many people in the north say the demand for higher education in B.C. should overcome these difficulties.

Students who are unable or unwilling to attend the crowded universities in southern B.C. may soon have an opportunity to get a quality education.

According to Niki Yandeau, that was the initial attraction of UNBC for her.

And the reason why she has weathered the glitches, the lack of choices and the long, northern winter?

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We didn't want to jump on the bandwagon, really. The media in Canada are in their glory but we didn't want to join in its orgy of bashing.

We didn't want to get involved.

Yet . . . as the polls swing between a right-wing majority and a right-wing minority, we feel, like any self-respecting leftist publication, compelled to throw in our two bits.

Vote for Kim Campbell! Who wants to think? You get enough of that in Calculus and Anthropology. Campbell will do it for us! She's a fan of the political theorist Edmund Burke, who believed politicians knew the issues better than the voters that elected them. She will be our saviour. She knows what is right, she'll rid us of that demon deficit. Just don't expect much in the meantime.

There's not much there except promises to do what is best for Canadians. Do you trust her to know what this is? Remember, she backed up pretty much everything Mulroney did: all the Tory back room politics, like the CBC and Via Rail cuts, the Charlottetown Accord, even cuts to social assistance programs.

Shhhh. Don't tell anyone, but . . .

Kim Campbell is a teflon-coated fraud.

Her spin doctors and image consultants have brainwashed Canadians, and negative publicity just won't stick. They made us believe that Campbell is scandal-free, a squeaky-clean candidate in the Tory leadership race earlier this year and saviour of Canada in the upcoming elections.

Skeletons rattle in even the nicest closets.

As university students we are a minority group, a mere four per cent of the Canadian population. To be heard, we must speak out. Time after time, Campbell has demonstrated she has no patience to deal with "special interest" groups like us.

Education - in with social and government services - is in that part of the budget she has indicated will be cut to save up for the reduction.

It was Campbell's gun legislation that allows "hunters" to purchase uzis and AK-47 assault rifles. Maybe it's so we can blow the hell out of those goddam arctic wolves. Campbell is also the biggest supporter of spending $5.8 billion on EH101 helicopters.

They can REALLY blow the hell out of those goddam wolves.

Campbell's pledge to Canadians is the elimination of the federal deficit within five years. How? If the debt is broken down, every child born in Canada today enters the world already owing part of our $400 billion dollar debt.

Oh, one more thing. Campbell doesn't believe in eliminating the deficit by raising corporate taxes, she'd rather take it from us.

So hide your piggy banks, Campbell's on a mission. Dollar signs have made her blind to the needs of the individual.

That means you. ❑

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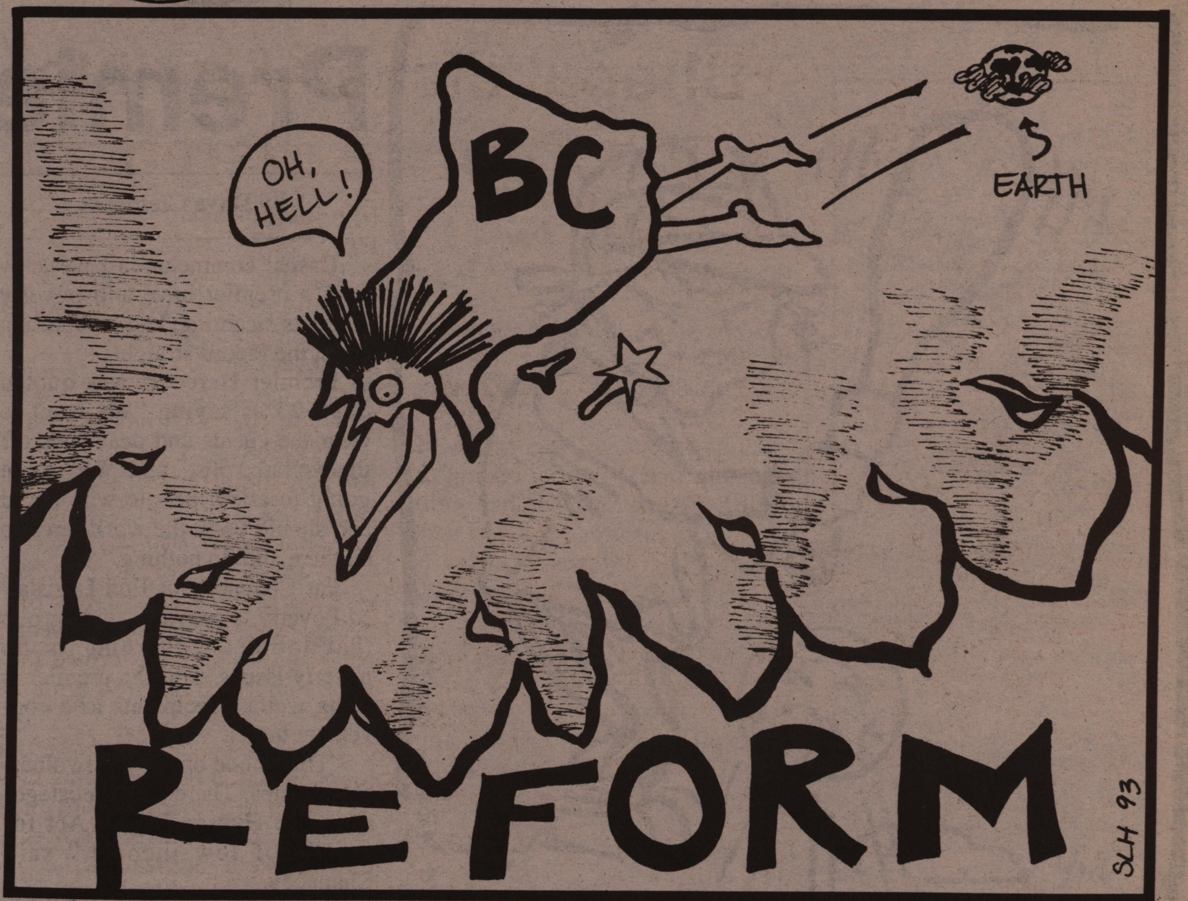

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Direction correction

Editors:

Last week I wrote you a letter about bike safety. The second paragraph of my letter started with:

For example, when traveling south on Foul Bay, approaching the intersection of Foul Bay and Richmond\Lansdowne (at Camosun College) stay in the right hand lane if you intend to turn right on to Richmond, and merge to the center lane if you intend to go straight down Foul Bay. To change to the center lane, signal, look back, and wait for an opening, and then move left.

and you changed that to:

For example, when traveling south on Foul Bay, approaching the intersection of Foul Bay and Richmond\Lansdowne (at Camosun College) stay in the right hand lane if you intend to turn right on to Richmond, and merge to the center lane, signal, look back, wait for an opening, and then move left.

I was not telling people to merge to the center lane to turn right, nor was I telling people to merge before signaling, looking back, or waiting for an opening. I was under the impression that letters are edited for brevity and clarity, not to make their writers sound like raving lunatics. Could you please either reprint my letter as I wrote it, or, if you consider it too long, leave off the last paragraph. I have enclosed my original letter in it's entirety.

Rich Wilson.

The magic number

Editors:

An important detail was omitted from my platform discussion on the reasons why we should all vote `Yes!' to decriminalize cannabis hemp. Because of a last minute adjustment which was requested by the electoral committee, I omitted two very important words. Under REASON #1, the sentence which reads "The U.S. government's leading marijuana lung researcher determined that those who smoke 16 or more large joints are at some risk." should actually read "...those who smoke 16 or more large joints PER DAY are at some risk."

I wouldn't want people to assume that if they've smoked 16 or more large joints that they are at risk (of lung troubles) because this has never been evidenced. Please excuse any confusion that this may have caused anyone...

Hud Ramelan

Peace Camp 1

Editors:

I am both shocked and dismayed at Alisa Smith's article condemming the Peace Camp. My experiences could not be more contrary. The camp has been a special place for many who have found enlightenment and strength amongst those who share a common goal. No place is perfect and no one at the Peace Camp professes it to be. We all bring our own social problems in with us at the gate. There is, however, a consciousness throughout the camp to address thease problems and work through them with consenus, understanding and respect. There is no doubt in my mind that there is equality amongst the sexes and support for all those who enter the camp, regardless of gender or lifestyle. I feel sorry for Alisa Smith, that she did not enjoy her time at the Peace Camp. I have never found a place where I felt more empowered as an environmentalist, feminist, and human being.

Romina Wendell

Peace Camp 2

Editors:

The article you wrote, "Why I love trees but hate you" was disturbing. While I have only visited the Peace Camp for 4 days, I was surprised by the difference in our experance.

I had some problems with the camp. I think the meetings could be run better, perhaps through several clusters rather than one large circle, and I don't think talking sticks work well in large groups. Yes, some of the talk was silly. But what do we expect. This is a young movement, still struggling for identity. One can't expect maturity without time, frustrating as that is.

However, where else in Canada are this many people living together as a political attempt at change?

I am a feminist, and I didn't see the men dominating the camp. Yes, there are egos and unfocused folk. Where arn't there? I heard man's woman speak, and almost all the dealings with the media were handeled by women.

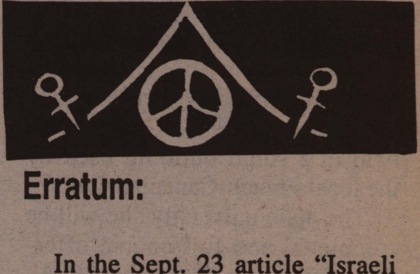
I worked mostly in the kitchen while I was here, cleaning dishes. I also tried to help with sanitation, cleaning tables, seeing that dishes were really getting clean and not just wet.

I am sorry that you encountered people against women. You are not alone in your concern You wil not change men alone either. Seek friends to help. It's easier to destroy than it is to create.

And its easier to complain than change. Women have done the majority of work throughout human history and are the major guardians of humanity. The truth has been repressed. Yet we know we have to work for it to be known and recognized.

If you come to this camp again look closly at the "wasteland" clearcutt and you might see thousands of young cedar trees and some things you might have missed.

Roger Hull



Erratum:

In the Sept. 23 article "Israeli ambassador praises deal," the ambassador's name was misspelled. It should have read Itzak Shelef. Also, a quotation was attributed to the writer instead of Shelef. His quote should have read "Jerusalem has always been the capital for the Jewish people. It will never be divided."

The Martlet

Quote of the week:
"The CP Styleguide can bite my bum!" - Jenny Manzer

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Bhopal disaster points out corporate disregard

by Chris Vance

The Uncertain Promise of Law
by Jamie Cassels
University of Toronto Press
$19.95

Imagine a yellow-white gas floating over Victoria, raising the temperature by 300 per cent, killing thousands, and seriously injuring tens of thousands more.

If you survived, you no doubt expect some fair compensation and assurances such an accident will never happen again. You expect justice. This is what happened in Bhopal, India nine years ago, thanks to the US multinational chemical company, Union Carbide.

> "While the government and Union Carbide were fighting, the people in Bhopal were dying."

The Uncertain Promise of Law is UVic law professor Jamie Cassels' study of how far law has strayed from justice for the people of Bhopal.

"I basically had some predictions about how the victims were going to get screwed, and basically that happened," said Cassels.

After the 1984 disaster, thousands of American lawyers flooded Bhopal seeking new clients for high-stakes compensation lawsuits. Their rhetorical sales pitch never paid off for the half million people affected by the catastrophe.

Cassels writes: "While the government and Union Carbide were fighting, the people in Bhopal were dying."

Instead of compensation, the people of Bhopal got five years of intense poverty. In 1989, the Indian Supreme Court ruled that $470 US be paid to each individual victim.

"Once you get your calculator out it's a pittance. An absolute pittance," said Cassels. The ruling was upheld in 1992.

"People in India are reading about the Exxon Valdez settlement of $1 billion and then this [Bhopal settlement] - they're outraged," said Cassels.

For Union Carbide, "The compensation was covered by their insurance company and business has never been better," said Cassels.

While Union Carbide adjusted its huge budget, the people of Bhopal, India remind the world about the 1984 disaster at a memorial service Dec. 2.

At a 1989 memorial protest, 800 people were arrested for charging the Union Carbide chemical plant. Police transformed the nearby sports arena into a mass jail for the occasion.

The Uncertain Promise of Law does a good job of considering the facts and arguments about the Bhopal incident without withdrawing into legal speak.

This book should come with a warning though - it is still an account by a non-Indian scholar, focussing on the legal aspects of the issue, and concludes more about reforms to liability law than it does about social change at the grass roots level.

This approach reflects Cassels' own interest and world outlook. "You have to be realistic about the complexity of the international climate, which is not up for the kinds of changes being put forward by the grass roots," he said.

Despite Cassels' academic bent, he speaks highly of people's own ability to speak to their experiences.

"They [the people of Bhopal] have a much better understanding of international capitalism [than we do]," he said.

This broader understanding gives *The Uncertain Promise of Law* a rare depth of context and sympathy with the people involved, instead of pandering to large business and corporate profits.

Cassels connects the Bhopal disaster with industrial problems elsewhere, such as American waste sites like Love Canal in New York state.

For Cassels, the problems Bhopal brings up have as much to do with widespread corporate disregard for people's lives as it does with the problem of Northern exploitation of the South.❑

STUDENT VOICE

During the past few weeks we have witnessed the signing of a "peace" agreement between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

While the patriarchs of the Middle East were redistributing the sand in their sand boxes, and discussing the symbolism of Rabin and Arafat shaking hands, I'm sure life went on as usual for the women of the Gaza strip and the West Bank.

Yet, while the whole masturbatory affair went down on the lawns of the White House, Palestinians women were still minding their children, cooking, cleaning, and taking orders and abuse from their husbands. As were Israeli women.

This may come as a surprise to many people. The fact that women exist in the Middle East at all may come as a surprise to anyone who has been listening to the media coverage of the whole event. On Monday the 13th of September I listened to the CBC on and off throughout the day. This dubious peace agreement was big news. Not once did I hear an interview with anyone of the female gender. Not even during the interviews with people on the street or with youths from the group seeds of peace.

This is disturbing and offensive for a number of reasons.

The first is that not only Palestinian women suffered from the Israeli occupation as human beings, they have also suffered as women.

Palestinian women do not have freedom of choice. Abortion and contraception are opposed by religious mandate, both by the local interpretation of Islam and by the Rabbinical courts of the Israeli Occupying Authority.

Many Palestinian do not want to keep having babies. Many Palestinian women, who try to secretly get contraception are unable to due to medical complications such as acute anemia. Thus Palestinian women have as many as fourteen children to support and look after, often with little or no help from the men.

Often women must get paying jobs in order to support their children. Women receive the lowest paying jobs and spend up to twenty hours per day away from their families. They do this for the equivalent of about five U.S. dollars per day.

Since the Camp David Agreement part of the Gaza strip have been split down the middle between Egypt and Israel, randomly separating mothers, children, brothers and sisters.

Another side effect of the Camp David Agreement has been a limitation of education for Palestinian women.

However, women have taken to education themselves. Through an organization called UNRWA(United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East) women have been preparing the substructure of their peoples future.

UNRWA employs approximately 17,500 people. Most of them are Palestinian refugees. Most of them appear to be women. They are in health facilities, the nutrition centres, the schools, the vocational training centres, the teacher training centres, they are everywhere. Effectively they are the governing body of the Palestinian people, yet they ostensibly do not exist.

Women's erasure has always permeated so called political change. As long as women are invisible so is more than half of the world's suffering and more than half the world's strength. Real peace will never be achieved as long as women's realities are ignored.❑

Jez Parus

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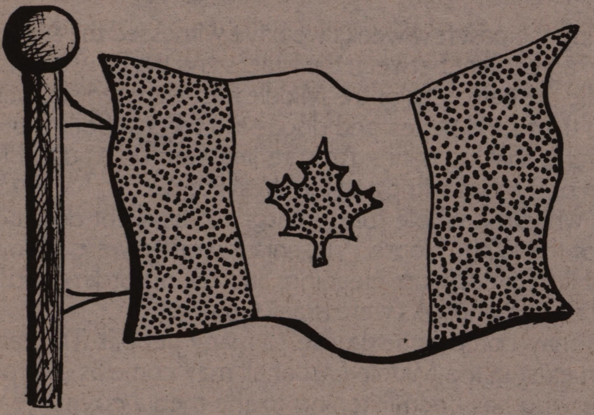
National Party wants a new Canada



By Kara Killam

A new Canadian political party has been formed.

The National Party, which is barely a year old, was created by “ordinary people who are sick and tired of a government that doesn’t look out for its real people,” said a volunteer for the party.

Chris Holt, the director of Media Relations in Victoria said “We are stuck with a government without heart.

“In Canada we have 33 per cent of our major industries controlled by foreign investors, and one per cent of the corporations control 90 per cent of the corporate assets. Our government ends up being run by these companies, and where does that leave its people?

“The National Party believes that a government should be based on the idea that the average Canadian is tired of a patronage-based and dishonest government,” said Holt.

Donations are not accepted from corporations, trade unions, or special interest groups. The party itself was funded solely by a man named Bill Loewen, who donated $4.5 million “to save Canada.”

Mel Hurtig, the party leader, proposes future elections be financed by a one-dollar-a-head charge on our yearly income tax returns.

This would accumulate $18 million dollars which would be dispersed by an independent board.

Hurtig said election buying by groups with vested interests could be done away with by Canadians “for the price of a cup of coffee.”

“This would take away the power of the companies controlling our political parties,” Holt said.

The party pamphlet says “The National Party believes in a strong, united and tolerant Canada and that all Canadians should be treated alike under our constitution.”

> "We are stuck with a government without a heart."

Hurtig’s book, *A New and Better Canada*, also focuses on the issue of fairness for all Canadians.

The party is angry about what they perceive as unfair treatment. They have been denied a place in the national televised debate. Holt says “it is a travesty of democracy. In an equal and fair government, all parties would be represented.

“Not only is the Bloc Québecois who is trying to tear our country apart attending, but also the Reform Party who doesn’t even have candidates in all the provinces.

“We have published policies, and we also have candidates right across Canada. We are a Party that believes in making Canada work. It’s absurd, absolutely absurd that we are not permitted to be participating in the debate,” said Holt.

The Party hopes the “real issues” such as the abolition of Free Trade and employment will not be “side-stepped” at the debate.

Holt finished, “we can’t let the bigger parties get away with empty promises and not addressing key controversial issues that effect us, every single one of us.”

Mel Hurtig, the National Party’s leader, will be talking about the election at the University Centre 8 p.m., Sept. 30.❑

Grad students vote to give money to Day Care

by Monique Cikaliuk

The results are in from the Graduate Students’ referendum held on Friday, Sept. 24.

The referendum dealt with the four-dollar surplus per term from grad student fees.

Grad students voted in favour of allocating one dollar of their fees per term to the University Daycare.

The defeated proposals included joining the Canadian Graduate Council and increasing the salary of the GSS Executive.

At the March 1993 Annual General Meeting, grad students decided to redirect the surplus money rather than return four dollars to each graduate student.

Ten percent of the 1,742 graduate students cast their ballots. Robert Piddocke, returning officer, said “this voter turn-out set a record for a single polling-station election”.

The controversial issue of honorariums was narrowly defeated. The GSS proposed the President honorarium increase from $62.50 to $200 per month and other GSS Executive positions to $100 per month. These salary increases were not retroactive and did not apply to the current Executive.

It was hoped the increase to the Executive salary would attract more grad students to serve on the GSS Executive since many of the positions are won by acclamation or go unfilled.

Grad students will have a second opportunity to decide the fate of the remaining three dollars at the Annual General Meeting on Oct. 1 at 5 P.M. in the Graduate Student Building.❑

Bum and elf to show at UVSS Halloween dance

by Cameron St. John

The University of Victoria Students’ Society Board of Directors voted 4 to 1 in favor of spending $75 to support a campaign for “International Coming-Out Day,” set for Oct. 11.

“I think this is an issue important to many students,” said director Jacqueline Crummey.

Director David Bigsby pointed out that the American-organized campaign day falls over Canada’s statutory Thanksgiving holiday, and added “I’m voting against this motion because it’s extremely short notice ... and because it doesn’t seem completely hammered out yet.”

Director of services Matt Pollard announced a UVSS-sponsored Halloween dance at the University Commons block, featuring local bands Bum, the Smugglers, and the Evaporators.

Crummey said “What do I think about it? Fantabulous idea ... I think it should be mandatory that everyone have a costume.

“I’m going to be a princess. No ... I’m going to be a magic elf.”

It has not been decided whether or not costumes will be mandatory.

Michael Gardiner had no comment.

The UVSS BoD meets Monday nights at 5:30 a.m. in the SUB upper lounge❑

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Look Out! is compilation of news clips from alternative news sources around the world. Edited by Chris Vance.

British Earth First!ers squat for newts

Despite English law and a study recommending a newt-friendly highway route, the British government bulldozed grasslands around Norfolk to build its latest road bypass.

The new highway will cut across grasslands and lower-income housing. Only the housing still stands, thanks to some squatting Earth First!ers. The squatters expect to be moved out by local authorities soon, but say their fight will soon extend to blockading highway construction.

Norwich Environmental Network

Egypt gets Gulf War pay-off

"All praise to the United States of America!" might have been the Egyptian government's popular cry last week. Major banks, mostly based in the US, forgave another 15 per cent of Egypt's foreign debt as agreed directly following the 1991 Gulf War.

Egypt supported the Gulf War in 1991, unlike another Middle East nation, South Yemen, whose opposition cost them millions of dollars in vital US aid.

InterPress Service

Israeli journalist faces jail

A journalist who refused to tell the Israeli military the names of his sources was sentenced to nine months in jail recently by an Israeli court.

The writer worked at the Alternative Information Centre in Jerusalem, where many peoples' eye-witness accounts of human rights abuses are filed for journalists and archives.

Alternative Information Centre, PO Box 31417, Jerusalem, Israel.

"Peacekeeping" in Somalia getting uglier

The US is leading a "colonial-type occupation" and a "war against Somalia" with it's military presence there, wrote US journalist Pip Hipman last week.

The Red Cross says it's much harder to deliver food since the Americans arrived, a position backed up by one US soldier who said "It's not like I saw on TV, we didn't deliver any food, it was mostly patrolling, searching houses and burning things."

In the latest US attack in Somalia, a Cobra helicopter opened fire on a crowd in Mogadishu Sept. 10, killing 200 Somalis - mainly women and children.

Hipman pointed out that US intervention in Somalia serves American interests, not Somali ones. Somalia is strategically located near the Red Sea and Suez Canal, and is home to untold amounts of oil.

General Colin Powell, famous for helping lead the oil-driven Gulf War, described the US action in Somalia as "a paid political advertisement" for American military products.

International Action Centre, #206-39 West 14th Street, New York, New York, 10011.

Women define peace

Unlike the men negotiating an end to the war in the former Yugoslavia, the group Women of the Mediterranean Region has set out four conditions for a peaceful settlement to the war in their homelands.

First, a cease-fire and safe return for refugees. Second, justice served for women raped during the war. Third, prosecution of war criminals in the area of the crime. Fourth, free asylum for women victims of war targeted for their gender.

Women of the Mediterranean Region

NAFTA = 80 per cent unemployment

Eighty per cent of Mexico's farmers will be out of work if the proposed North American "Free" Trade deal goes through, says a recent study by a major Mexican university.

NAFTA calls for the removal of agricultural protection laws, which currently defend Mexican farmers from northern competitors. Presently, 74 per cent of Mexican farmers receive wages below the $5 per day minimum for subsistence.

Radio Havana Cuba

Banana workers win struggle

Costa Rican authorities are finally going to limit toxic pesticide imports. Last year, 2,000 farmworkers sued banana companies for their use of pesticides which left many workers sterile.

Standard Fruit tried to settle the case out of court, but found their idea of fair compensation at odds with the workers' sense of justice.

Radio Havana Cuba

Nicaraguan general strike nearly topples gov't

On Sept. 19, former Sandinista president Daniel Ortega called on people to "close ranks and let loose a popular battle in the streets against the [government's] neo-liberal policies," and many people did just that.

The next day, riot police began a clash with protesters in Managua, who were supporting striking transportation workers. Police killed five people, prompting Ortega to call the government "assassins."

Strikers tore up stones from Managua's main streets, reminiscent of the 1979 Sandinista revolution. The strike lasted until Sept. 25, when it was called off in favour of negotiations.

This was Nicaragua's second general strike during the reign of pro-US president Violetta Chamorro. Both strikes were targeted at changing the government's economic policies, which include tax increases, social services cancellations, and industry privatization.

Radio Havana Cuba

Tit for tat, trade for trade

The governments of Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and El Salvador plan to sign the Central American Economic Integration Accords in mid-October, preparing them to enter NAFTA.

Union officials oppose the plan because it will drive wages down and keep them low to entice northern investment.

Costa Rica refuses to participate because the integration might bring poor refugees to the relatively wealthy country.

Cerigua

In Guatemala . . .

Bombing has extended beyond the countryside, and into the urban location of Guatemala City. Sept. 20 saw the third downtown bombing in two weeks, injuring one employee at a new shopping mall.

In other news, on Sept. 22, Guatemalan Bishop Rodulfo Toruno, mediator between the government and opposition URNG, proposed the inclusion of civilian groups and the United Nations in future negotiations.

Peace talks have been stalled since May 25, when then-president Jorge Serrano declared himself all-powerful.

Cerigua

Bakers strike in Dublin

"Pat the Baker" may seem like a cute store name to many, but to Pat's employees the only thing worth baking is class struggle.

As one fired employee put it, "People are getting fed up with the way the bosses are treating us and the pittance they are paying."

Unemployment is at 20 per cent in Ireland, and union organizers are common targets of right-wing violence. Strikers in Ireland this year have been attacked with iron bars, wooden sticks and fists.

The Militant

Unions in the Philippines

Fifteen-thousand union members - mostly women - hit the streets of Manila Sept. 14 to celebrate the creation of a new trade union centre. The new centre immediately established a women workers' organization, to address the concerns of women workers.

Green Left

Oregon bigots sure are stubborn

One county and six cities in Oregon passed ordinances barring homosexuals from exercising civil rights, despite state legislation nullifying such acts as unconstitutional.

Last fall, Oregon voters defeated a similar state-wide referendum.

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South African students face tear gas, army dogs in campus life

by Denise Babin
The Link, Concordia University

JOHANNESBURG (CUP) — Army dogs on the Wits University campus don't do algebra. They are trained to bite. Trained to bite students who dare to challenge the racist administration.

Campus life in South Africa is nothing like student life in Canada. Of course, there are lectures and labs, beer-drinking contests and a chess club.

But tear gas and army tanks are as much part of student life as exams. Even the canine soldiers have marched many times over the football field, marking their territory.

Attending a Wits student council meeting is a challenge in itself. On Aug. 19, 116 students were arrested after the police and trained dogs surrounded their outdoor gathering and shoved as many as they could into a paddy-wagon.

The students were released by 3 a.m. but more arrests were made several days later and 130 students faced charges of public violence and contempt of court a week ago last Monday.

The students at the meeting were planning a series of actions, including a class boycott to force the university administration to listen to their demands.

The first demand was the lifting of a Supreme Court injunction against any meeting of the South African Students Congress (Sasco) on campus. The second called for the disbanding of the undemocratic university council. None of the demands have been met.

> "It's just a question of survival tactics."

Sasco is the principal student union in South Africa. Its goal is a non-racial, non-sexist and democratic South Africa. Students under the Sasco banner say the administration is a dinosaur from the apartheid education system and they want to change it. Apartheid education created separate funding schemes for blacks-only and whites-only schools. Only about 30 per cent of Wits students are black.

Most are in the arts faculties. Only nine per cent of engineering and science students are black.

Student activists at Wits think of their university council, similar to the senate of a Canadian university, as white guys with ties protecting their assets.

Members of the council deny there's any problem.

"The council met and believes it is, and will continue to be, a legitimate structure," said June Sinclair, the only woman on council. "We are representative of students' interests."

Wits is considered to be a liberal, open university in the South African context while the University of Pretoria, in the capital city, is a breeding ground for young racist minds.

Despite the scrapping of apartheid laws that restricted access to the school to white people only, apartheid is still the way of life. More than 10,000 students live on campus yet only one residence houses black students.

"There's no rule telling us where we are supposed to stay," said one black student. "It's just a question of survival tactics." Black students have been threatened with violence and chased out of whites-only residences.

The University of the North, or "Turfloop" as it is called by the students, is built like a fort. Most buildings on the black campus have an outer wall with holes just the right size for the tip of an AK-47.

The hill on the northern side serves as a watch tower. Barbed wire and high fences are everywhere. When things get bad, there's even tripwire.

"It has to be built like a fort," said Oscar, a student activist at Turfloop and member of the South Africa Students Congress. "Our administration and our SRC (student representative council) are democratic, and that scares the shit out of the government."

The South African Defence Force has an army base less than a kilometre away, just north of the main gates. "When they come in looking for student activists, sometimes we run like hell. Other times, we shoot back," Oscar said.

South Africa is transforming itself, slowly but surely. Apartheid laws were scrapped in Feb. 1990 after intense pressure from liberation groups like the African National Congress (ANC), and an international business and culture boycott. But laws are only one part of the racist regime.

The black majority in the country will vote for the first time in April's national elections. They will vote to change the government.

Maybe the education system will follow. ❑

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Drug tested on healthy women

MONTREAL (CUP) - The U.S. National Institute of Health has recruited 16,000 healthy women in Canada and the U.S. to test a breast cancer drug known to have serious side effects, including other forms of cancer.

Studies have found that tamoxifen causes liver cancer in rats 16 - 30 per cent of the time and liver changes in all species tested.

Subjects have a five-fold increase in the risk of developing cancer of the uterine lining and an increased risk of thromboembolism, or blood-clotting.

Minor side effects include nausea, hot flashes, vaginal discharge, menstrual irregularities, depression, insomnia and loss of sex drive.

The bottom line is tamoxifen is not harmless.

This is the first time in modern medical history that a drug with known side-effects is to be administered to healthy subjects.

The women enrolled in the study, over the age of 35 and considered at high risk, will be divided into a placebo group and a tamoxifen group. This group will be given the same dose of tamoxifen as is administered to breast cancer patients.

Tamoxifen is not harmless.

Women must consider the nonexistence of any studies on the long term effects (more than 10 years of usage) of tamoxifen. Another consideration is that tamoxifen is often successful in postmenopausal cancer patients.

Its effects on premenopausal healthy women, whose hormonal patterns are completely different from those of postmenopausal women, are yet unknown.

Women must weigh the statistical possibility of developing breast cancer against their chances of developing liver or endometrial cancer while taking tamoxifen.

In short, they must choose how they wish to risk death.

A member of the Advisory Committee of the Food And Drug Administration estimates that if the proposed prevention trial of tamoxifen were conducted, an equal number of women would get blood clots and endometrial cancers as would have their breast cancer suppressed.

The National Women's Health Network opposes the tamoxifen trial on the grounds that it is "premature in its assumptions, weak in its hypothesis, questionable in its ethics, and misguided in its public health ramifications."

Dr. Rosamund Mondeville, professor of oncology at the Universite de Quebec and associate professor at the Universite de Montreal, has spent the past six months investigating scientific research on the use of tamoxifen. She said she feels that tamoxifen trial is "too hasty," adding that "we do not know how toxic tamoxifen is."

After several years, a woman's body builds up resistance…

Mondeville said it is a little-known fact that the endometrial cancers associated with tamoxifen produces primary, not metastatic, tumours. This means that the cancerous growths in the uterine lining are not the results of a woman's breast cancer, but have developed independently.

The implication is that the tumours are tamoxifen-induced.

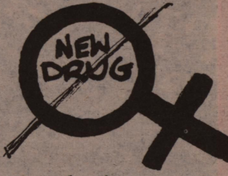
Dr. Mondeville also explained that tamoxifen only delays the recurrence of breast cancer and does not prevent it. After several years, a woman's body builds up a resistance to tamoxifen, which renders the drug powerless to block the action of cancerous cells.

The National Women's Health Network, as well as several cancer support groups, is frustrated by the lack of research on natural and healthy, as opposed to chemically toxic, means of cancer prevention.

Evidence suggests a causal relationship between breast cancer and a high-fat diet or the lack of exercise, but no clear dietary guidelines have been scientifically confirmed.

Sharon Batt, a founder of Breast Cancer Action Montreal, states that the tamoxifen trial is the most expensive cancer trial ever conducted. The drug's manufacturers are donating the tamoxifen required for the study, but normally tamoxifen costs $80 per month. "Clearly tamoxifen manufacturers have a vested interest in this study," said Batt.

The tamoxifen debate revolves around certain questions: Is the medical establishment being too confident in disregarding the natural workings of the female body?



Will not altering one facet of the female endocrine system throw off other aspects as well? And if so, is the initial alteration worth the resulting slew of side effects?

It seems understandable to approach these questions with a great deal of uncertainty and reservation, yet the tamoxifen issue has forced many to confront them head on.

In the words of Dr. Mondeville, "The tamoxifen experiment is being tackled too quickly. We have to slow down and think about what we are doing to women."❑

PM ignores record

by Simona Chiose
The Varsity, University of Toronto

TORONTO (CUP) - Prime Minister Kim Campbell's proposed reforms to post-secondary education are being met with skepticism by student groups.

Campbell made the proposals in an Aug. 17 speech in Kitchener, Ont. In her address, she promised to improve student aid without spending extra federal money. She also defended the lack of federal funding increases to education, saying she sees education as a provincial responsibility.

Carl Gillis, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, said that although he was encouraged that the prime minister is promising some of the changes CFS has advocated, the proposals are belied by the last nine years of Conservative rule.

"How can you say these things when you have been involved in systematic cuts to post-secondary education?" asked Gillis.

Campbell said funding for the changes would come from existing money, with changes to take effect in August 1994. Gillis questioned why changes cannot take effect immediately, as they do not need legislative approval.

Other groups said the proposed changes do not address student indebtedness.

Claude Lajeunesse, president of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, said that if implemented, the changes may help students in the short term but will also result in higher final debt loads.

Campbell promised to improve student aid without spending extra federal money.

"The problem is how not to saddle students with enormous debts, so that the only students who will be able to afford university will be those who have the ability to repay," said Lajeunesse.

Ron Duhamel, Liberal education critic, attacked Campbell's suggestion that the federal government is only marginally responsible for education.

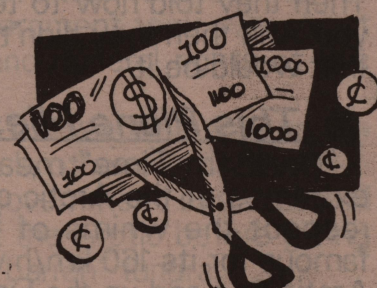
He said if implemented, the prime minister's proposals would make students pay for problems created by the federal government's decreased funding for colleges and universities.

"These proposals are coming from the party that has cut back education funding for the provinces by $9 billion."

In Ontario, federal transfer payments for education were $2 billion in 1991, but will only be $1 billion in 1994-95.

Duhamel also questioned whether the proposals would be implemented if the Conservative government continues to view deficit reduction as its primary aim.

"What if [the Conservatives] say 'we wanted to do these things, but there was no money there?'"❑



VIA rates to be cut

by Roxane Poulin
The Fulcrum, University of Ottawa

OTTAWA (CUP) - A non-profit advocacy group says Canada's national train service is in for more deep cuts if the Tories are re-elected.

According to Transport 2000, if the federal government goes through with $100 million in cuts to VIA Rail as announced in the last budget, several previously reduced routes will be cut entirely.

Among the expected victims are one of the two major routes to the Maritimes, service to several remote areas and up to 100 weekly runs in the Quebec City-Windsor corridor, according to Transport 2000 vice-president Harry Gow.

"We hear so much evidence that it is crystal clear that there will be cuts, the question is to where," said Gow.

Gow said he received the information on the looming cuts from a source within VIA Rail. The reductions would come on the heels of severe cuts announced on Jan. 15, 1990, which reduced most of these services and many others from daily to three days a week.

"I've watched the railroad business decline since I started with it," said Transport 2000 national office manager Dirk Partridge. "There's not much left to cut."

Partridge, now retired, worked in the railway business for more than half his working life. He says Canada should be putting money into its railways in order to upgrade them into a viable passenger service, like the high-speed trains in Europe and Japan.

"The attitude here is 'It's an old form of transportation, it's on the way out.' All the advanced countries in the world, except Canada and the U.S., are on the railroad bandwagon, so it doesn't seem like it's on the way out to us," he said.

Partridge pointed out that trains are a more environmentally sound form of transportation, if we use what is already at our disposal.

"The railways are already there, there is no need to use more land. You have the remains of a once-proud system there."

Passenger-train cuts hit students who must leave home to get an education or travel for co-op placements, said Gow. "Many students do not own a car, hence the student is particularly affected by the VIA Rail cuts."

Gow said trains are often more popular than buses for students because of lower prices for early bookings, greater comfort, and extra safety.

Gow also warned that eliminating train service may mean higher prices in bus and plane service.

"An element of competition is removed [by eliminating train service] and hence allows other carriers to raise fares," he said.❑

Artists' Tour of "Earthly Embraces" at the Emily Carr Gallery, 1107 Wharf Street

The exhibit **Earthly Embraces** showcases three contemporary women artists: **Jane Baigent, Camrose Ductoe and Brigitte Potter - Mall.** As Emily Carr did, these women live on the Westcoast and incorporate in their works evisceral empathy towards their environment.

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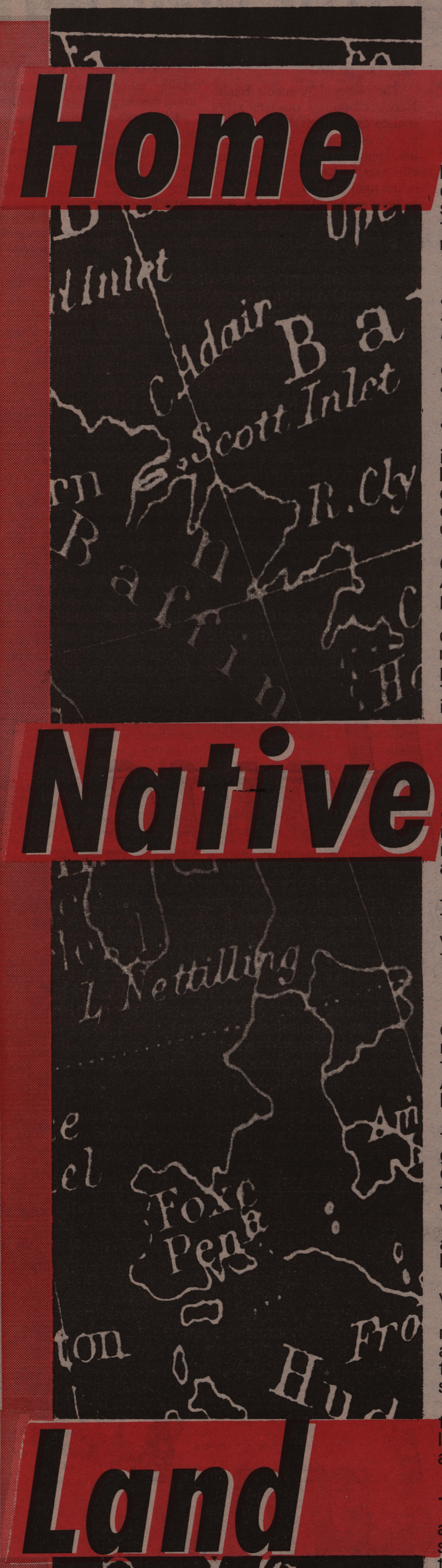

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I. Polar Bears Eat People.

Sakiasie Sowdlooapik straightened the collar of his khaki uniform and continued talking about the indiscriminate cruelty of polar bears in the Arctic. I squirmed under my several layers of clothing, as much from the heat in the park warden's office, as the nature of the topic.

If you see a polar bear, or tracks of a polar bear, you are to proceed to the nearest emergency shelter and radio for help. We will get you out of the park as soon as possible, and it will be closed until we have removed the polar bear.

Do not pitch your tent in areas where there are lots of boulders and little vegetation — these are avalanche areas.

Do not stray too far off the trail. There is quicksand around the Weasel River delta . . .

Flipping through pamphlets when I was back home in Victoria, I thought I really wanted to go camping in Nunavut by myself. I relished in the romantic concept of fording glacial streams, traversing valleys inhabited only by polar bears, averting threats of avalanches and quicksand.

Now I was faced with the reality of FORDING GLACIAL STREAMS, POLAR BEARS, threats of AVALANCHES, and QUICKSAND. I began to think my plans were stupid, and I was just a little naive.

In 1999 Nunavut will be the "Inuit homeland," Canada's third territory. From Edmonton — considered by many to be frozen beyond redemption — the small plane flew thousands of kilometres to the north east, to Iqaluit, Baffin Island. The milk run unavoidably stops in Yellowknife, Resolute, and Nanisivik. Once in Iqaluit, capital of the 19th century whale hunts, I flew to Pangnirtung, the gateway to Auyuittuq National Park.

I met a young government researcher at the campsite outside Pangnirtung, where people going in and out of the park invariably stop for a day or two as they wait for the tides to allow boat access. This researcher, James Barron told me a quaint story he read in a guidebook about polar bears, and how not to annoy them.

He said, "First they told how to recognize polar bear tracks and scats, and how to discretely leave the area. Then they told how to tell if a polar bear was stalking you. And then they didn't have anything to tell you! Cuz that would be it."

II. This Plane Flies on Northern Time.

"Northern Time" means "as nature permits." The extremes of the Arctic climate have taught people to respect the whims of the weather. Pangnirtung is famous for its 160 km/h winds, driving straight off the Arctic Sea and up the Fiord with no respect for roofs, let alone tents.

At the Yellowknife airport on the way up to Nunavut, the hunters ahead of me in line (with rifles as baggage) were headed up to Coppermine, 500 kilometres due north. The woman at the FirstAir desk told them the weather that way was pretty hairy; the plane would be a few hours late.

"You can go if you want, but the plane may not be able to land — it might have to turn around and come back," she said.

Fortunately, my destination — Iqaluit via Resolute — was a clear and balmy six degrees Celsius.

Every plane is late. Waiting passengers sit in the rumpus-room-sized airport at Resolute Bay staring at a framed 50's picture of Elizabeth II. Everyone seems to know everyone else. About half are Inuit, and many speak Inuktitut.

The Inuit make up 80 per cent of Nunavut's population; this cultural majority has helped keep the Inuit language and way of life strong in the face of federal assimilationist policy.

III. Hangin' Under the Ozone Hole.

Resolute, near the magnetic North Pole, is home to about 200 people. Wind whipped over the surrounding sandy plateaus and glacial lakes. There was no vegetation at all, but it was stunningly beautiful in the clear light of the Arctic afternoon.

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by Alisa Smith

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VI. The Tundra of Love.

Nunavut speaks most clearly in the thunder of Tumbling Glacier cracking as the sun melts the fog draped over Mount Thor, the largest monolithic cliff face in the world.

The ground ahead of me glowed with purple saxifrage, braving permafrost and sandy desert soil. As the last echo died away, the silence again took on its immensity.

Nunavut also speaks in the rushing of the Weasel River, swollen with glacial run-off. Canada geese choose it as a secluded place to have their young. A couple of Arctic hare, the size of small dogs, lope across the sand dunes left behind by glaciers older than the last Ice Age.

And then there is the piercing Arctic light. Twenty-four hours long, it goes through various shades of brilliance. It's like the sun has been magnified through a lens, it is as small and as sharp as a diamond. No wonder the Inuit love their spectacular land, and want to govern it as their own. As Nunavut.

VII. Objective Manipulations.

But will it really be their own? The Southern press, as Northerners call all newspapers below the 60th parallel, would have you believe so. Canadian Press wire stories, reprinted across Canada, are quick to point out all that the government is giving up. They "will give the Inuit clear title to an area of land half the size of Alberta" and that the "Native population is so high that Nunavut will effectively be native self-government."

Because really, the ONLY reason it might be "Native self-government" is demographics: the Inuit are 80 per cent of Nunavut's 21,000 residents.

However, white people have consistently put themselves in positions of power in the North, because the legislative and bureaucratic system familiar to them has made itself at home in the North. What is stopping the formation of an all non-Inuit government?

There are many important points the Southern press overlook. The area the Inuit have title to is only 18 per cent of Nunavut. And the government took over about 90 per cent of the oil, gas, and mineral rights of this settlement land.

The Inuit had to extinguish forever their title to the other 82 per cent of Nunavut. In other words, the predominately white southern government extracted all it thought was valuable about the Arctic before giving up a relatively small scrap of "barren" tundra.

It is curious, the Southern media's stress on the concept of this HUGE area we Southern (non-Inuit) Canadians are losing to be "governed by the Inuit." But honestly, who down here considers it at all habitable?

Titus Alooloo, the minister of renewable resources for the Northwest Territories, was sitting next to me on the plane back to Yellowknife. Alooloo said he was hopeful about the Inuit's place in the Nunavut government. He said they are training people to be ready to participate in the government and civil service when April 1, 1999, the year of Nunavut, rolls around.

I asked him what side of the territorial border he'd be on. "The Nunavut side of course," Alooloo said. His riding covers a vast area around his home town, Pond Inlet.

Sitting on the plane with Alooloo, it was easy to see the wisdom of splitting the Northwest Territories — to get from his riding to the seat of the territorial government in Yellowknife was a six-hour plane ride, covering many thousands of kilometres.

Six hours later we landed in Yellowknife, a metropolis of 14,000 people, just below the treeline, overlooking the border of the land of the midnight sun. Automated bank machines glowed in the airport lounge. ❑

Sources: *Times-Colonist*, Oct. 31, 1992; Nov. 13, 1992; May 26, 1993; *Canadian Geographic*, March/April 1993; personal memoirs, July 1993.

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UVSS BY-ELECTION OCT. 12, 13, 14

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE POSITIONS

(THREE POSITIONS AVAILABLE)

CHRISTIE SHAW

My name is Christie Shaw and I'm back at Uvic this year after travelling. Time away from UVic has given me copious amounts of energy which I intend to use to advocate for you. I'm a Women's Studies/Creative Writing Major whose interests include outdoor activities with bikes, hiking boots, and tents.

I am on the Creative Writing Students Guild and the Creative Writing Women's Caucus. I have involvement with VIPIRG and am keen on raising consciousness. Although I am new to the policies and procedures of the UVSS, I enjoy learning and I have a vested interest; As another student, everything that affects you, affects me as well.

It is my intention to participate in the advocacy of:

*the dismantling of "Chilly Climates" in the classroom meaning an end to sexism, racism, and homophobia.

*removal of ancillary fees, better student loans, and lower tuition fees .

*making post-secondary education a key issue in the federal election for all political parties involved.

*continued involvement with the government on all levels throughout the year regarding women's issues, and environmental issues.

STACEY TABERT

My name is Stacey Tabert and I am a 3rd year English major \Environmental Studies minor. I believe that my involvement with other active groups, and the ideas I have, will help to make my experience as a Director positive both for myself and as a representative of the student membership.

Over the past year I have been active in the Temperate Rainforest Action Group and have volunteered with the Sierra Club. This summer I worked with Friends of Clayoquot Sound in the action at the Kennedy ~~Lake~~ Bridge.

When elected I will advocate on behalf of students to:

*Reinstate the Health Care Plan next year for students who do not have their own extended health care plan or benefits.

*Continue to lobby the university to recognize that students want subsidized bus passes.

*Ensure that post-secondary education is an issue even after the federal election

*Lobby the university to stop ancillary fees.

*Advocate environmental awareness on the island(Walbran, Clayoquot and the legalization of hemp)

*Continue to work to end women's fear on campus

*Promote still more Reusing and Recycling around campus. Hand dryers, not paper towel!

*Advocating for lesbian\gay\bisexual students on campus and off.

TINA WALKER

HI! My name is Tina Walker and I want to represent you!

I believe a Director must be approachable, dedicated, innovate and open to new ideas. I have the diverse experience necessary to effectively represent, and advocate for students' interest.

TOP 10 REASONS TO VOTE FOR TINA:

EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

1. Participating in the following UVSS Committees; Week of Welcome, Finance, Organizational Development, Student and Social Issues, and Membership Development
2. Coordinator for the Date Rape and Dating Violence Education Project
3. Women's Centre and The Emily Collective Member
4. Outdoors Club and Political Science Course Union
5. Member Campus Security Committee

GOALS AS DIRECTOR INCLUDE:

6. Making UVic more accessible and affordable for students by lobbying against ancillary or user fees from administration; and increasing Bus Pass subsidies.
7. Holding the provincial and federal governments accountable to students. Cuts to post-secondary education and funding for student assistance programs are unacceptable!
8. Ensuring that students have the formal right to organize and provide services on campus.
9. Lobbying for a Sexual Assault Officer on campus.

AND

10. I am committed to creating a learning environment that is safe, democratic, free from discrimination and most importantly enjoyable!!

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DAVID WHEATCROFT

Well, you've all probably picked up your fee statements by now. And you've probably seen a line on there that says "UVic Students' Society - $51.50". Do you feel that the UVSS is providing $51.50 worth of service to you ?

I've been around UVic since 1989 and have served on the Senate and on various UVSS and senate committees. And I don't like what I see happening with the UVSS.

So, why should you vote for me ?

1) I Feel the UVSS exists to serve all students on campus, and not just leftist special interest groups and I will work with other on-campus organizations to see that the UVSS does serve as many of its members as possible.

2) The UVSS should not be wasting money it does not have. Example : $300 plus airfare and accommodation to sent someone to a CFS federal election strategy meeting in Toronto that will provide not real benefit to UVic students.

3) I support the idea of the UVSS rebating a portion of UVSS fees to Engineering, Education, and Law students equal to ESS, EDSA, or LSS fees.

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Do you approve of the following changes in the collection of student fees:

An $8.45 fee increase, per full-time student per term($4.22 per part-time student) to be allocated in the following manner:

SUB Expansion Building Fund (in addition to the current $21.00)	$1.00	CFUV 102.5 FM Student Radio (in addition to the current $3.00)	$1.00
Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group (in addition to the current $2.50)	$.50	WUSC refugee student support (in addition to the current $.25)	$.25
Martlet Publishing Society (replaces current funding)	$2.75	Clubs and Course Unions (replaces current funding)	$.95
The Women's Centre (replaces current funding)	$.95	Daniel Jacobs Student Emergency Aid Fund (replaces current funding)	$.50

As well, a renewal and redirection of the $1.00 per full-time Student Day Care Operating Fee, which ends January 1994, to a Student Parent Daycare Bursary Fund?

☐ YES ☐ NO

OFFICIAL 'YES' SIDE FOR FEE REFERENDUM - MEGAN THOMSON

By saying yes to the Student Fee Referendum this October 12,13,14, you'll say yes to a wide range of student organizations, and student-owned and operated services on campus. Increases are specifically guaranteed for the following:

Women's Centre: a Yes vote will mean funding for a Date Rape Officer to help individual students as well as train volunteers, a staff person to increase access to the Women's Centre and provide continuity, increased presentation of films, and an expanded resource library.

CFUV student radio: a yes vote will help purchase a more powerful transmitter to reach more listeners and improve the signal for others, better student volunteer training, wider selection of alternative music in the record library, more students' entertainment events, and much-needed equipment upgrades.

the Martlet student newspaper: will become fully financially accountable to the student body by receiving a separate student-mandated fixed budget. Improved equipment, colour in the paper, and less ad space (freeing up more space for student and campus-focused articles) are other benefits of saying yes.

World University Services of Canada: will receive vital funding for their work in bringing and supporting international refugee students at UVic.

Student Parent DayCare Bursary Fund: will be created by voting Yes, helping to defray daycare costs which can all too often become a barrier to student parents' education.

Clubs and Course Unions: the Students' Society's funding would be tripled, providing much-needed funds to the more than 90 active student groups who contribute greatly to the vibrancy of student life on campus.

Student Emergency Financial Aid: the amount available through the Daniel Jacobs Fund will double.

In freeing up operating funds for the many services offered by the non-profit **Students' Society**, a Yes vote will ensure that **Cinecenta** movie theatre, **Felicita's** Lounge, the **Health Food Bar**, **SUB Cafeteria**, **Campus Used Bookstore**, **SUB night**, and **Zap Copy**, offer quality, cheap services to students. Saying Yes will also help the **political advocacy** work the Students' Society does on behalf of all UVic students (lobbying the University, Provincial and Federal Governments, and running student-issue campaigns), **speakers**, and **Week of Welcome** events funded and organized through the Students' Society.

The **Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group** is an autonomous, non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to research, education, and action in the public interest. Some of the groups students can become involved in are Mediawatch, Native Vegetation, Empowered Communities, Politics of Body Image, and Anti-Racism and Discrimination.

Do you support the following becoming UVSS Policy:

"The UVSS supports the discriminalization of cannabis hemp? ☐ YES ☐ NO

OFFICIAL 'YES' SIDE FOR HEMP REFERENDUM - HUD RAMELAN

REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE YES TO DECRIMINALIZE CANNABIS:

My name is Hud Ramelan and I'm a B.C. Anti-Prohibition League member, as well as co-founder of UVic Anti-Prohibition League. I've done a lot of research on the issues related to Cannabis. It is difficult to obtain accurate information on the subject, mainly because of current law. (sect. 462.2)

REASON #1: There has never been demonstrated any serious health risks associated with smoking marijuana, (unlike tobacco and alcohol).

The U.S. government's leading marijuana lung researcher determined that those who smoke 16 or more large joints are at some risk. He also states that surprisingly, "none have gone on to get cancer." (Referring to heavy smokers of cannabis)

Doctor Thomas Ungerleider from UCLA states: "Marijuana is the best agent for control of nausea in cancer chemotherapy." Not only is marijuana harmless, but it is actually therapeutic. Researchers at Medical College of Virginia found that cannabis reduced tumors. Cannabis is also effective for glaucoma and some forms of epilepsy.

REASON #2: In recent years eleven U.S. States have removed their criminalization of small scale possession and use. Several studies have concluded that repeal has no discernible effect on the number of users, or their frequency of use.

REASON #3: Canadians face serious environmental concerns such as pollution and clearcut logging. We are being denied the right to use hemp for biomass, fuel and pulp, when these alternatives are completely viable and far less polluting.

Hemp can be used to make sulfur-free fuel, such as charcoal and high-grade diesel and aircraft fuel. A USDA bulletin states that over a 20 year period in annual rotation, one acre of hemp produces as much pulp as 4.1 acres of trees. In this process only 1/4 to 1/7 sulfur-based chemicals are needed, and no chlorine is needed.

REASON #4: The DEA's administrative law judge, Francis Young concluded after a 15 day medical testimony that "Marijuana is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known to man." (Sept. 1988)

It is outrageous to continue enforcing drug laws which lead to the deaths of innocent people . If you do not vote 'YES!' to support decriminalization then you are throwing away tax dollars wasted in futile enforcement, and you are failing to benefit from revenues that could be generated NOW from the versatile cannabis plant.

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University Bookstore, McKinnon Gym, Fine Arts,Unicentre, SUB, Library, Clearihue, Cornett, Elliot, & MacLaurin.

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Plot doesn't ring *True*

by Matthew Ramsey

If one can classify an entire decade of films then the nineties are "The Time of Many Guns."

True Romance fits this immense generalization of popular Hollywood narrative nicely.

It is the tale of two urban Generation X-ers who come across a huge quantity of cocaine and embark upon a fortune making quest from New York to Los Angeles.

Quentin Tarantino (*Reservoir Dogs*) wrote *True Romance* and it contains many of the same qualities as *Reservoir Dogs* but has little of its charm.

Instead of pitting thief against thief like *Reservoir Dogs*, True Romance throws its protagonists into an impossible situation where they attempt to elude cops, gangsters, and informants.

Tarantino has backed himself into a literary and cinematic corner by using the same conclusion twice. Although the plot is recycled *True Romance* is still a watchable movie because of its accomplished actors

the nineties are "The Time of Many Guns."

Dennis Hopper, Gary Oldman, Christopher Walken, and Bronson Pinchot all put in commendable performances. Walken is a delightfully wicked mob lawyer, Hopper is a fine confused ex-alcoholic father struggling to keep his son safe, Pinchot excels as a Hollywood rich boy lackey to the studio magnets.But the best performance comes from Oldman as a drug dealing, smooth talking, lowlife.

Unfortunately the most interesting characters are killed off within the first hour, leaving the weight of the film on Slater and Arquette.

Slater and Arquette are marginal at portraying their characters. Slater plays his typical disturbed "cute young man" with a taste for violence. Arquette is also a disturbed young woman who also finds herself attracted to violence. The two similar characters help to cancel each other out.

True Romance is not "the *Bonny and Clyde* for the nineties" it is merely a slightly altered remake of *Reservoir Dogs* that some Hollywood executive loaded with stars and weapons to attract a crowd.❑

Stoaters keep their head with release of new album

by Craig Lloyd

The Stoaters
Keep the Head
Turtle Records

The fusion of traditional Celtic music and good old rock n' roll can result in only one thing - The Stoaters.

With their debut release *Keep the Head*, they prove that they have their own unique style.

The musical ability of the group is second to none. Their talent combined with a wide range of instruments, including mandolins, violins, an accordion, and bagpipes makes for great music.

They also have a pig named Webster on back up vocals to further diversify their sound.

In production, a successful effort was made to create a natural sound.

The ballads serve their purpose by supplying the radio market, but their real creativity can be found in their harder material.

As for the actual lyrics of the music, the inscription above the lyrics on the liner states it best, "Herein lies tales, webbed in songs about alienation, tandemnation, unison, wonder and hope, mine artists, thought muggers, and trough dwellers."

The songwriters Robert Ford and Dennis Crews, were successful in living up to their expectations on all twelve songs. The words are honest and are easy to relate to.

They have a concert planned for late October in Victoria. It should be an evening full of high energy and great dancing. The Stoaters are definitely a band to look out for in the future.❑

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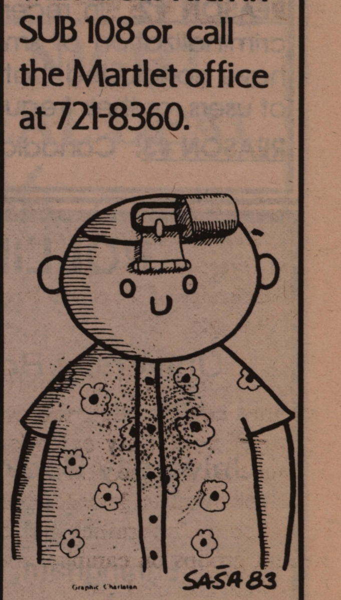


Sloan shows Halifax's grunge fringe

by Lyana Patrick

The plaid-clad milled restlessly beside the tie-dyed, idly wondering if the show was going to go on.

But hey, anticipation is the best part of a gig.

When Sloan finally appeared before the sold out audience at Harpo's on Sept. 27, the energy they generated more than made up for the long minutes of restless repose.

Sloan is on the last leg of their worldwide tour which has kept them busy off and on for the past two years in Europe, the US and Canada.

With one last date in their hometown of Halifax, this talented foursome are wrapping up what has turned out to be an exhausting tour.

However, Sloan didn't disappoint.

With cool guitar riffs and a chiselled garage band sound, Sloan turned the small Harpo's dance floor into a mini mosh-pit haven.

Responding to allegations that Halifax is the "Seattle of Canada," Chris Murphy, vocalist and guitarist, said this was simply lazy journalism.

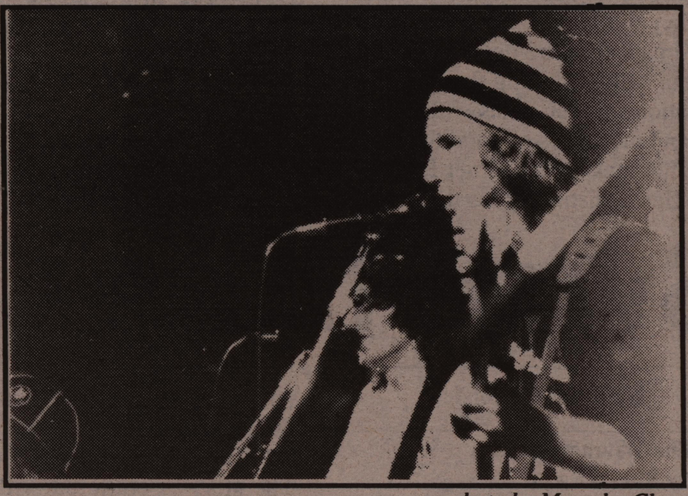


photo by Meeesha Chan

With the recent success of several Halifax bands, most notably J.A.L.E., a media frenzy labelling Halifax as Seattle's Canadian grunge counterpart could be expected.

"I just like supporting bands... that are from Nova Scotia because there are so many good bands," said guitarist Jay in a recent interview.

Murphy said the Halifax music scene is very fresh but bands were disadvantaged because, "it's really hard to tour... the closest city is Montreal or Boston but they are both 1200 km away so... a lot of it just stays in Halifax."

"Most of the Canadian labels didn't even care . . ."

After signing with American records, Sloan's reputation took off, and they received offers from most of the major Canadian labels.

It isn't with a little cynicism that Jay says, "Most of the Canadian labels didn't even care about us until America was interested with us."

After the release of *Smeared*, Sloan started the tour, playing all-ages venues instead of bars.

"Although the bar show was good, the all ages show was way better... they are more exciting... they are usually more in tune with what's on the fringe."

Looking at the crowd on Monday night, Harpo's seemed to be an exception to the rule.

When the first strings of "Underwhelmed" were heard, the dance floor became a crazed maze of flying bodies. Sloan warmed the crowd up to the boiling point and delivered a rousing encore to "Pretty Voice" and the new single "Rag Doll."

With the tour coming to an end, Sloan will be recording a new album for next spring, and plans are in the making for a road tour to follow its release.

Sloan proves that Canada isn't just a mere offshoot of American pop culture. That aside, they also play some damn good rock and roll.❑

Taylors tell us we're weird

by Jenny Manzer

Newfoundlanders seized control of the Open Space Gallery last weekend, and boy were they funny.

Newfoundland natives John Taylor and Christine Taylor treated Victoria audiences to their original one act plays Sept. 23 - 26.

The show opened with John Taylor's *My Three Dads*, followed by Christine Taylor's *Man On the Moon, Woman On the Pill.*

John Taylor's clever script shows us the latent weirdness in our day to day lives, through the eyes of John, a young Newfoundlander. The character progresses from certainty at thirteen that he is the Lord of Evil, to his realization during high school biology class that someone in his family had "Hopped the fence of my gene pool and taken a little dip."

After learning that his biological father is a plastic surgeon in Texas, John sets off to find him, on a wild hitchhiking tour.

With a set that consisted of two chairs and a backpack as a prop, John Taylor managed to evoke a sense of travel, and change of scene.

Under the direction of Andy Jones (of CODCO fame), Taylor convincingly recreated the voices and mannerisms of his fellow travelers.

John's border crossing, while stoned, is particularly amusing, and incorporates a favorite Canadian pastime: mocking the US. The customs office wall bears a poster of a Disney duck with a machine gun and the caption: "This country wasn't won with a handshake."

John hopes that meeting his father will "explain things". His introduction to his real father is poignant, yet believable to anyone in search of one unifying answer.

Man On the Moon, Woman On the Pill begins with a shadow-puppet Satan sneering at another shadow-puppet. Satan promises that the politically correct, "If there are any in the room- will be tied up and fisted in the Green room."

Our politically-correct senses were then confronted with a home-movie of semi-naked people smearing paint on each other, limboing, and generally frolicking to "Flight of the Bumblebee".

The puppet show and movie set the stage for Christine Taylor's series of weird and wonderful sketches.

One of the many personnas she adopts in her one-woman show is a Scottish performance artist. "Life and I are now the same age," she exhorts. Mocking of the art world, artists, and pretension recurs throughout the hour-long piece.

Christine Taylor has a remarkable ability to adapt her face to fit the character, such as the drunken bar slut of the opening sketch, who pines for her lover "Roman," peers at her rum bottle, and tells Captain Morgan, "I would love to see your tiny, naked body."

Not every sketch meets the general standard of originality and invention of the production. One segment that plays on the Kissing the Frog story is not as inspiring as it needs to be to justify using this tired theme.

This is made up for in a sketch by a former Catholic school girl who is ready to combust from three years of celibacy. Taylor grabbed at her crotch, her "revving Harley," and reflected on her past sexual adventures: "I was a Catholic girl doing Catholic boys behind a Catholic school."

The Taylors, who call themselves a "brother and sister, husband and wife comedy duo," kept Friday's full-house engaged and in hysterics with their witty dialogue and outstanding performances.

The Taylors, who currently reside in Vancouver, will be staging their new show, *Tales of the Homely and Lonely* in early '94. ❑

Student guide fails at task

by Tara Walker

Gibson's Student Guide to Western Canadian Universities
by Dyanne Gibson
University of Toronto Press
289 pages, 1993

This is not a guide to universities that cuts through the propaganda of university calenders to answer burning questions.

If you want to know about the existence of fraternities and other student groups on campus, administrative control over student councils and publications, and availability of health care for students, the *Gibson's Student Guide* will not answer these questions.

Basically, this is a source for high school grads who have little knowledge of university life.

Gibson embarks on a voyage of discovery with her confused young readers in an attempt to nail down a program and institution for the young would be academic.

The first 34 pages are dedicated to helping these readers to decide whether or not university is right for them.

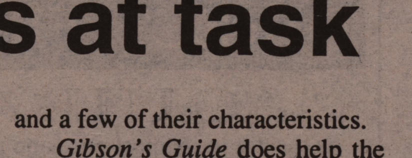
In view of the fact that many readers have already decided on attending a university, this question is redundant.

The guide on the 23 universities of Western Canada, does not offer an in-depth evaluation on programs offered at the institutions. The guide does offer a list of the universities' main programs and a few of their characteristics.

Gibson's Guide does help the reader to compare the institutions profiles and statistics.

For example, UVic receives $13,000,000 in research grants and contracts which sounds like a lot till you compare it with the $90,400,000 UBC gets.

The profiles, facts, and figures, make this an invaluable time saver. But if you're looking for any deep evaluation of the universities and colleges west of Ontario you'll have to spend time pouring over calenders in the library coming to your own conclusions.❑



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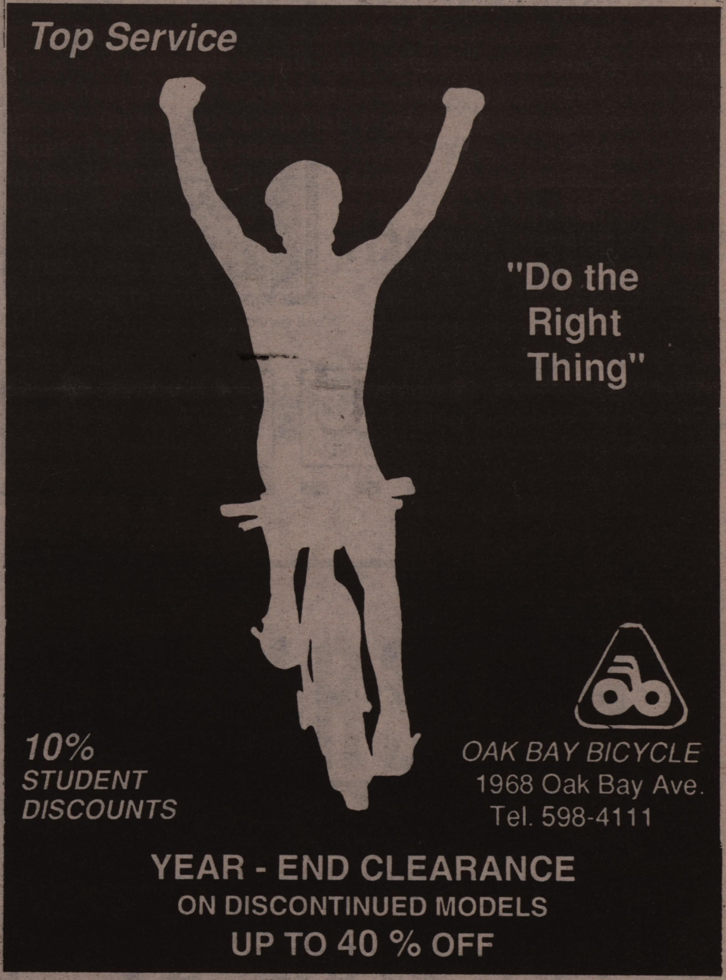

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Honest folkies charm Victoria throng

by Anita Zaenker

The ballads were heart-wrenching, and the political rants were side-splitting. But where were all the sensitive university students of the nineties, the new generation of politically-minded, cynical thinkers who know raw emotion when they hear it?

It was a mature audience that was treated to a soulful, sentimental performance by Garnet Rogers, Sept. 23 at the Newcombe Theatre.

Rogers has undeniable stage presence and his popularity makes his appearance in Victoria an annual tradition.

His performance goes beyond his composed, lanky stance and intense peering into the audience. Joined by his friend, university professor and fiddler Doug Long, Rogers played right into the expectant audience's hands.

It was the flawlessness of his pure baritone voice and his honesty and wit that cut across generational divisions. It made every folkie feel a part of the music making.

Unquestionably one of the most powerful performances of the evening was Rogers and Long's fiddle rendition of the legendary Stan Rogers tune "Northwest Passage."

It was the only time Rogers played his trademark fiddle, complementing the fine sounds coming from Long's instrument.

The two violins filled the auditorium with nostalgia, love for lost ones, and solidarity, drawing the audience into song. Everyone knew the words.

In "The Ballad of Frankie and Johnny," - "not about my brother Stan," - Rogers' breathy voice and almost inaudible guitar reduced many in the audience to tears.

Rogers is constantly amazed by the "odd, silent dialogue between the performer and audience. What are they thinking?"

Perhaps they are not thinking at all, but instead, letting the musical sensation fill their souls with comfort and memories of good things.

What makes the Garnet Rogers experience distinct is his dry sense of humour. Long's and Rogers' banter was reminiscent of a Smothers Brothers routine, complete with deadpan expressions and quick plays on words.

"If God had wanted us to have elections, He [sic] would have given us candidates," he said.

Everything in his show suggests that he is honest as only a folk singer can be.

There were moments when it seemed as though fiddle and guitar were not as tight as they could be, but the concentration on the faces of these two performers showed their true musicality.

Now that his Volvo mechanic has settled in Victoria, Rogers joked he plans to perform here more often, though he can't quite comprehend this "land of sensible footwear and granola."

The older culprits chuckled nervously.

All ten members of the audience under 25 appreciated his cynicism, which leads one to wonder why this generation hasn't discovered this Canadian diamond in the rough.❑

Swan fixes Chaucer

by Brett Grubisic

The Wives of Bath
by Susan Swan
Knopf, $26

"John Wayne would still be John Wayne if he had a vagina, wouldn't he?"

Questions centred on gender roles and the nature of sexuality are central to Susan Swan's new novel, *The Wives of Bath.*

The girl asking the question is thirteen-year-old Mary Beatrice "Mouse" Bradford, whose hunchback status prevents her from fitting in with the fashionable crowd at a parochial Bath Ladies College.

Her difference also enables her to experience life in a way that allows for questioning of assumed values.

Like her first novel, *The Biggest Modern Woman in the World,* Swan's latest work is focused on a female marginalized by her physical appearance.

And, like her previous book, it is a story about self-discovery in a world filled with cruelties.

The story is cluttered with an assortment of unusual people who would not seem out of place in a Gothic romance: a giant-like lesbian headmistress called "the Virgin," a dwarf janitor who (cross) dresses-up and rides a Victorian tricycle, and Mouse's roommate Pauline who desires to be a male.

This all sounds exotic and bizarre, but after several chapters it's not. Swan combines "controversial" and "shocking" effect leading up to the murderous and lurid finale.

Girls dress up as boys, worshipping and hoping to emulate King Kong's hyperphallic masculinity through a series of tests, (man versus man, man versus nature, and man versus woman), all designed to initiate the characters into the psychic world of male identity. Eventually they realize they are not allowed be men.

Mouse no longer uses the symbolically charged name Mary Beatrice, and becomes "better adjusted" than her female-abhorring friend Pauline. She comes to this realization before the drastic ending.

By the end of the novel, the marginal people - lesbian "Virgin," dwarf "Sergeant," the drunken stepmother, and "gender disordered" Pauline - all remain outside and out of balance.

It is Mouse who ultimately gains control, both of her own life and those around her. It is her "normal" world view which prevails.

The conventional, culture-borne roles for women and men are questioned, but not deeply and without much insistence.

Even the title itself, evocative of the gender transgression of Chaucer's *Wife of Bath*, seems a provocative but empty gesture.❑

Mapping impulse guides artist

by Jill Clapp

Intriguing, thought-provoking, intricate and absorbing are the words guests used after viewing the selected works of Joseph Hoh.

The Victoria College of Art gallery is presenting an exhibition of Hoh's works, *Geographia: Exploring the Mapping Impulse*

Hoh explores the relationship between maps and humanity. For Hoh, maps are "security blankets,". They "represent a sense of adventure and knowledge," said Hoh, who calls himself a "visual scientist."

The artwork is not narrative, however, it is attempting to answer questions that lie within ourselves.

Although art is perceived independently by each observer, Hoh wants his work to steer away from any spiritual undertones and present a more "academic" outlook.

The exhibit serves to represent Hoh's search for understanding within knowledge, himself, and his place in the world.

A native of Malaysia, Hoh said a large collection of maps gives him a sense of place, of where he fits in.

Aside from the map-art, the exhibit also includes paintings, models, and photo-collages which further explore his feelings as a citizen of the world.

Geographia runs until Oct. 30, at the Victoria College of Art gallery, 564 Yates St. So venture in, and experience the "mapping impulse" that is truly one of a kind.❑

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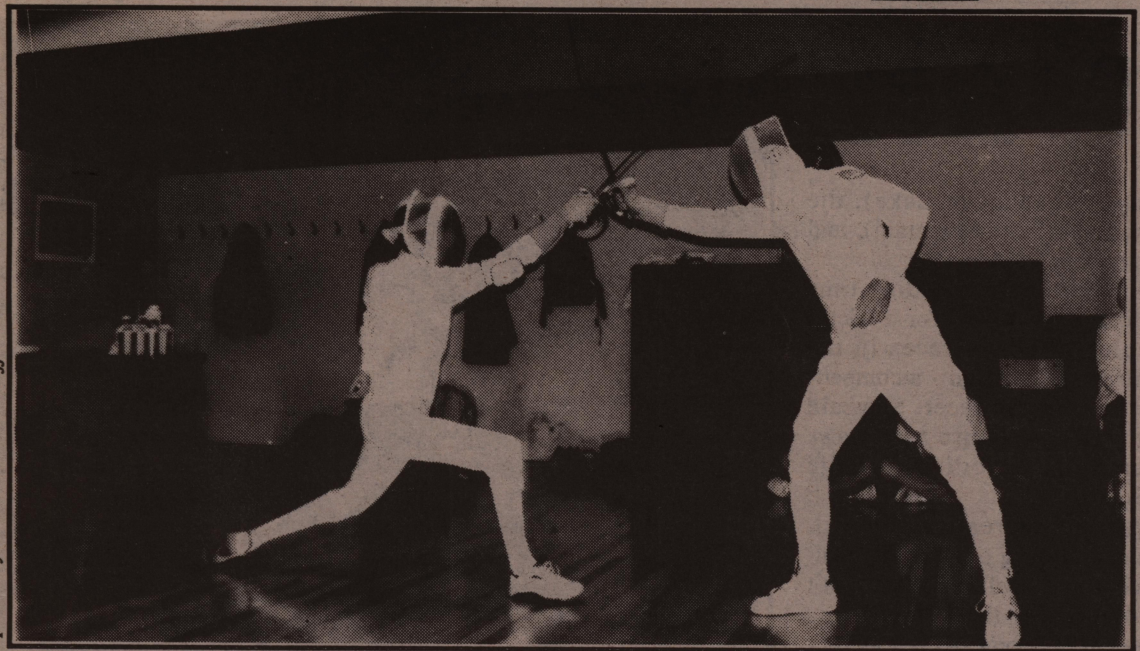

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Dignity needs sword

by Rebecca Zarchikoff

In the days before the French Revolution, nobles fought for love and dignity with the sword. The loser shed blood as the victor claimed his prize.

The upper class, born and bred in excellence and precision, always won the duel.

Along came the nouveau-riche, full of motivation and ingenuity. They set up schools across Europe to learn this sport and became formidable opponents.

Here at UVic the challenge continues. Nan-Sang Ho uses his 30 years of competitive experience to teach students the mastery of this martial art.

The UVic club offers an eight-week beginner course where the students learn the basics, such as lunging and thrusting. All equipment is provided to the students by the club.

After this introduction, students graduate and become recreational fencers. With intensive training, a fencer can compete both nationally and internationally.

The UVic fencing club is a non-profit organization based out of the YW-YMCA, which has five highly qualified instructors, all of whom are volunteer.

"There is no money to be made," Ho said. "It's all for personal satisfaction."

This highly competitive sport is like no other martial art. The uniform resembles a straight jacket with zippers up the back and wires running through the sleeves. Wires connect to the foil, the weapon used in the combat.

The tip of the foil has a sensor that tells the monitor who has issued the first hit. A resounding beep tells the fencers and audience who has scored.

About half of the fencers in the UVic club are women.

When women first started fencing in the 1800s, they used only the foil, the lightest sword. For the last ten years, women have been using the epee, a heavier sword that was more common for men to use.

A third type of weapon used is the sabre, a heavy, curved sword with a sharp point and a full cutting edge along one side. This was a popular weapon for battles on horseback.

Although these swords were lethal in the past, there have been no injuries in the UVic fencing club.

"You're not supposed to hurt your opponent," said Ho. "The sword is a weapon made of steel but you go through the proper training and proper channels. Under my supervision the chances of getting hurt are zero."

Ho encouraged students to come out and learn the art of the sword for themselves. "The sword movements are lightning-fast. Only the practiced eye can see the work."

Martial arts are a "training of the mind and body," said Ho. For people who enjoy personal combat and a match with an opponent, fencing is a good choice.

"I do a lot of literature from the middle ages. Every two minutes somebody breaks into a fencing fight," said novice fencer Natalie Williams. "I wanted to see what its like."

Club meetings are Saturdays at the McKinnon dance studio from 1 to 4 p.m. Any student can join at any time. Club membership is $35 for the beginner course, $25 for others.❑

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Women vs. Manitoba: 3 - 0
Sept. 26
Women vs. Calgary: 1 - 0
Women vs. UBC: 0-1

Final standings:

UBC: 7
UVic: 6
Alb.: 4
Calg.: 2
Mani.: 1

Soccer

Sept 25
Men vs. Sask.: 2 - 1
Women vs. Sask.: 1 - 1
Sept. 26
Women vs. Alta: 1 - 5
Men vs. Alta.: 0 - 0

Rugby

Sept. 25
Vikes vs. James Bay: 13 - 38
Norsemen vs. James Bay: 21 - 22

UPCOMING EVENTS

Home games

Basketball

Oct. 5
Men vs. Fraser Valley
McKinnon Gym: 4:30 p.m.

Away Games

Soccer

Oct. 1
Men vs. UBC
Women vs. UBC

Field Hockey

tournament at UBC
Oct. 1
Women vs. TBA
Oct. 2
Women vs. TBA
Oct. 3
Women vs. TBA

Rugby

Oct. 2
Vikes vs. Velox
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Oct. 3
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Cross-Country

Oct. 2
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Cycling for all

By Paul Frey

Off-roaders get ready. There is a group of people trying to get a mountain-biking club going in Victoria.

"I would like to promote off-road cycling because you can see so much more of the outdoors on your bike than you can by hiking," said Leanne Webster, a mountain-biking enthusiast.

She said that although women do participate in the sport, "Our [women's] growth rate is ... a lot smaller than the men's growth rate."

One of Webster's other commitments is securing a place where mountain-bikers can pursue their sport without being hindered by outsiders. Currently, there are no places where mountain-bikers can legally ride - only "tolerated" areas.

In the Victoria area, the only tolerated areas include a burnt bridge (Shawnigan Lake), the Highlands (Skirt Mountain), and Bamberton.

In addition to spending time attracting new bikers for a Victoria club, Webster races in the sportsperson division - a competitive category of racer. She said that each competitive race draws riders from the citizen to elite divisions.

At the recreational level, mountain-biking can be fun, challenging and healthy. "You don't need to go for three, four hours non-stop . . . you can do it at your own pace," said Webster.

Although she encourages everyone to take up the sport, Webster cautions people who want to get seriously involved in off-road biking. "You have to get into a minimum of a $500 to $600 bike in order to be taking off-road seriously."

She says that anything cheaper than $500 will not stand up to the rigors of off-road biking. She emphasized, however, that the ordinary $200 to $300 bike is adequate for simple chip or campground trails.

Anyone interested in joining can call Webster at 721-8725 or 360-1293.❑

photo by Shawn Hall

The Victoria Kendo club practicing in McKinnon.

UVic shows tradition

by Shawn Hall

Every Sunday afternoon, at least 15 people go to the McKinnon Building, dress in garb reminiscent of a samurai warrior, and spend a couple of hours fighting.

They practice a martial art called kendo. Its origins are in Japan, but the community is international, said Ted Davis, Victoria Kendo Club president.

This year, Dr. Tadahiro Ajiro, professor of physical education and chief kendo instructor at Japan's Tookai University, has come to see the state of kendo in Victoria.

Ajiro is here for six months to practice kendo with the Victoria team and to "study the mental aspects of Canadian sport," he said through interpreter Sanae Terayama, UVic student and club member.

In Japan, Tookai University is the most exclusive university for kendo. Only 120 kendo students are accepted, of 7,600,000 participants in the country.

"It's just amazing to be able to practice with him," said Davis, who has practiced kendo for 17 years and started the Victoria club in 1986 with Jeannine Caldbeck.

In the two-hour session Sept. 26, Ajiro said the club's basics were good, but their details need work. He gave instruction on how to stand, and how to move.

"The movement in kendo is easy," said Ajiro. "What matters is your mental state at the moment you hit."

> "It is very important to train your body as hard as you can and to train your mind."

"Through kendo, you try to bring yourself up to a higher state, mentally and physically," he said. "You're almost reconstructing yourself."

It has taken him 38 years of hard training to get to the point where he is now.

"The more I practice the deeper it gets," said Terayama. "Something deep within myself tells me not to quit.

"It is very important to train your body as hard as you can and to train your mind."

Kendo combines sport with mental discipline, as do most martial arts. Kendo uses armor and shinai - bamboo representations of samurai swords.

"Kendo is not too well known in Canada because it is a traditional martial art and teachers can't charge for it," said Caldbeck. "I think the attraction [to kendo] is very individual. For me, its like doing a long lead-out on a rock climb."

There is also a very structured set of traditions surrounding the setting up and running of a club. The instructors do not carry their own equipment, one of their students does.

These traditions cause feeling of community and awareness, Davis said. Individuality is not lost, but community is important.

The club is looking forward to a Canadian tournament in the spring. "We might be able to produce some Canadian champions from UVic," said Ajiro.❑

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UVic rowers improve safety standards

by Michael Butterfield

Safety comes first with UVic rowing.

Safety procedures for the UVic teams have been redrawn, largely because of the deaths of two athletes in 1988.

"Our safety program is now one of the best in the country," said Rick Crawley, women's rowing head coach. "We have the best equipment and our procedures are constantly being reviewed and upgraded."

UVic's rowing safety program has become the model for similar programs implemented by other rowing organizations, including the Victoria City Rowing Club.

One of the most important new precautions is the addition of inflatable zodiacs as safety boats at all practices.

These craft have a greater stability and payload capacity than their aluminum predecessors. This means that eight rowers and their coxswain can be rescued at once.

"We [the safety boats] are never very far away from the rowers," said Paula Hale, novice women's coach. "If there is a problem, we can get them out of the water very quickly".

Other safety procedures include life jackets for every rower and emergency kits for every boat. In addition, coaches, managers and athletes are frequently briefed on first-aid procedures and cold-water survival techniques.

In order to acquaint the athletes with the reality of the cold water, both the mens' and womens' programs conducted cold water swim tests.

For the womens' crew, the swim test took place last week at Elk Lake. Although the water was cold, it did not compare to the freezing winter temperatures.

"You can't really simulate a life-threatening situation," said Crawley. "The swim test acts as a reminder of the potential danger."

The main advantage of the swim test is that it teaches the rowers what to expect when they hit the water. A better understanding of what the cold water will feel like reduces the likelihood of panic.

The benefit of the experience is reflected by the novice athlete Nevada Christian, who said "Rick kind of scared us when he told us about the risks ... but he taught us to respect the water."

Terry Hamilton, another novice rower, said the swim test "showed us what to expect. It was very useful."

In the event of a problem or an adverse weather change, the rowers are instructed to steer their boats to the nearest safe beach.

"We don't care about damaging boats, said Crawley. "We care about losing people."☐

photo by Shawn Hall

Updated safety standards make for happy University of Victoria rowers.

Scuba club may be for you

by Daniel Sieberg

Have you ever had that feeling of wanting to be completely weightless and free? Have you ever wanted to fly?

Maybe the UVic Scuba Diving Club is for you. The club has over 50 members.

After a month-long Open Water Course, in which members are certified to dive, they are free to take the plunge in more challenging waters.

"All you need is a basic swim competency level and to feel comfortable in the water," said club president Rob Walker.

Erica Hargreave, first-year marine biology student, started scuba-diving this summer. "It is the most amazing thing I have ever done," she said.

"It is absolutely beautiful down there," she said. "The first time I went down, I was totally awed. There is so much to see and touch."

The club tries to schedule as many dives as possible during the year, and leaves the location choices open for discussion with club members.

The first planned trip is to Sooke's Race Rocks on Oct. 16 and 17.

"The first time I went down, I was totally awed."

Last year, one of the most exciting and scenic trips was to Gabriola Island.

"We would do a couple of dives, then take a dip in the hot tub on the Island," said Walker. "It was great."

The sign-up cost for the club is $40, which includes a shirt, or $25 without the shirt. Fundraising also raises money for the club. The next one being the underwater pumpkin carving contest on Halloween.

The membership fees and fundraising make up about half of the club budget, while UVic supplies the other half.

Scuba-diving places few restrictions on participants. There are no physical limitations and the site possibilities are as endless as the sea, Walker said.

The coastal waters of B.C. are prime diving grounds, and contain enough flora and fauna to satisfy even the biggest appetite for adventure.

UVic Scuba Club Meetings are Thursdays in McKinnon room 151 at 1 p.m., and dives are scheduled at the meeting.

If you cannot make it to a meeting or would like more information, call Rob Walker or Noel Hendrickson at 598-4758.☐

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UVic Science Fiction Club

Are you wonderfully warped and weird? A mad scientist? Join the rest of the alien visitors here at UVic . We meet Thursdays at 6:30 in Cle B215. There is no specific agenda; discussion of anything interesting is welcome.

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance

Looking for other lesbian, gay and bisexual friends? That's what LGBA is all about. Come to our drop-in centre. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:30-2:30 in SUB 137A. Upcoming: Plans for COMING OUT WEEK. Be part of it. Info: 385 4270 (Kate); Support: 384 2562 (Bryan

Mature Student Club

Social and information meeting. Wednesday Oct. 6, 10:30-1:00pm SUB 137a or Oct 7, 7:00-9:00pm, SUB upper lounge

Colour Film Study Group.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. 7:30pm North Park Manor, 875 North Park, 361 4846.

Debating Union

Finally, UVic has its own undergraduate debating club. This politics-free club has a mandate to train its members in the art of public speaking and debate. If you are interested, call Ian @ 721 9545. Stay tuned for further developments.

Club Francais

First General Meeting, Thursday Sept. 30, 3:30-5:00, Grad Student Building. Everyone Welcome.

Ski Club

First Meeting, Friday Oct. 1, 3:30pm Cornett B112. Info on membership, winter and spring trips, and other events. Contact Ian @658 5102 or Dean @ 380 2253.

Classics Course Union

Presenting our first meet and Greek social of the year. Classics students and students interested in classics are encouraged to attend. Goodies will be served. Please come at 3:30, Tuesday Oct 5 to the Classics Reading Room, 4th floor Cle B wing.

Young Liberal Club

"Calling all young liberals." We are looking for a few good women and men who are interested in the future of Canada, politics in general or just hanging out. We meet every Friday at 4:30pm. Contact Dean Crawford @ 382 2805.

Bhakti-Yoga Club.

Come and experience the highest level of consciousness. Contact Maha or Dwain @ 479 2198.

Miscellanea

Do you like talkin'bout sex? If so, join the UVic Date Rape and Dating Violence Education Project, and help promote safe and healthy sexual relationships through education and activism. Meets every Mon @ 3:30 in SUB137A. Call Tina or Lorriane @ 721 8353 for more exciting details.

Women's rugby team wants (not needs) new players. If interested in joining the Incognitos call 477 0355.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

MEETING

VIPIRG\Anti-Racism and Discrimination Committee. We are meeting for a brainstorm\social today. SUB 137A 5:00-6:00. Questions? Contact Jackie @ 385 9029

All Candidates Election Forum on Jobs, Employment and Poverty. 7:30, St John Divine Hall, at Quadra and Balmoral.

LECTURE

"Democracy or Capitalism." Is democracy possible in capitalism? Socialist Party of Canada presents a free lecture and discussion. 7:30, Union Centre, 2750 Quadra St.

FRIDAY, OCT. 1

POTLUCK

"Come Taste the World." Ethnic Potluck hosted by Association of International and Canadian Students. 6:00, Cle C305.

LECTURE

"Visual Evolution and the Polychromatic Retina of Mantis Shrimp." Dr. T. Cronin lectures on this topic 3:00-4:00, Cunn. Rm 146.

"SQL Spatial Multi-Media Standard: Code Name SATAN." Drs. Kucera and Sondheim speak scientifically from 2:30-4:00, Cornett B145.

"Economic Efficiency of Railways Systems and Implications for Public Policy" Dept. of Economics presents Tae Oum,2:30-4:00pm, Cornett A317.

MEETING

Alcoholics Anonymous (closed meeting) 11:30-12:30pm. Contact Counselling Services for room number.

BENEFIT

Benefit Evening for the Clayoquot Sound featuring the premiere of a new film, *Battle for the Trees* and music by Ocean Trio. At the Newcombe, 7:30. Tix $8,00 + $5,00

SATURDAY, OCT. 2

LECTURE

VIPIRG double bill: "The Use of Native Plants in the Landscape" with Dr. R. Hebda and "Introduction to the Propagation of Native Plants" with Brenda Constanzo. Elliot Lecture Wing, 9:00am-3:00pm

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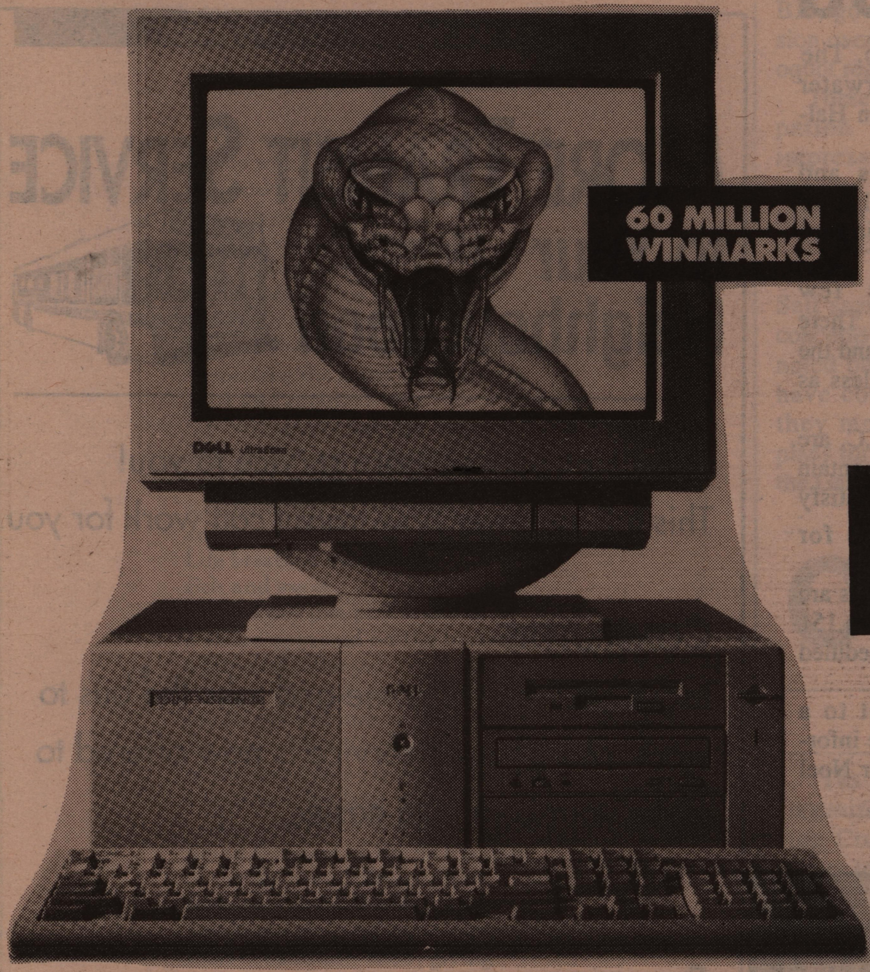

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EVENT

"Calling All Sailors!" UVIc Sailing Club will meet at Cadboro Bay today and Sunday from 11:00-4:00. Contact Troy @ 592 1892 or Chris @ 477 3672.

SUNDAY, OCT. 3

EVENT

"Walk the World." B.C. Schizophrenic Society will join other organisations in a walk-a-thon. Walkers gather at the Lower causeway for the 5k walk. Infornation @ 384 4225 + 384 2261.

LECTURE

"Space Walk" Architect\Theatre designer David Owen Lucas will lead a walk through Beacon Hill park highlighting nature's architecture. 1:00, meet at the entrance of the Children's Zoo.

MONDAY, OCT. 4

LECTURE

Part 2 of producer\director Stan Fox's "Closely Watched Films" will occur from 8:00 to 10:00pm. At Kaleidoscope Playhouse, tix $12,00 each Wed.

"Chaucer, Chivalry and the New Historicism." Professor Derek Brewer of Cambridge will speak 11:30 in Cle A206.

TUESDAY, OCT. 5

LECTURE

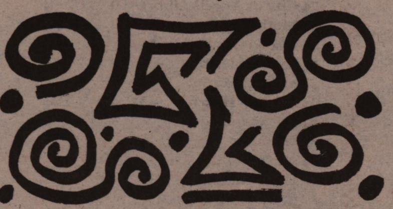
"Education as a Deterrent to Crime." Prof. Dan Usher speaks 2:30, Cornett A317.

"First Nations Justice" Representatives from 3 native groups outline the issues. Unitarian Church, 106 Superior St., 7:30pm.

"So you want to go overseas?" VIDEA presents an informational evening. Special guest Amarjit Bhalla talks about cultural sensitivity when travelling. Cornett A210, admission by donation, 7:30pm.

MEETING

Society for Truth in Adoption will meet to discuss relevant issues. Native Friendship Centre (2nd floor), 7:00pm. Everyone welcome.

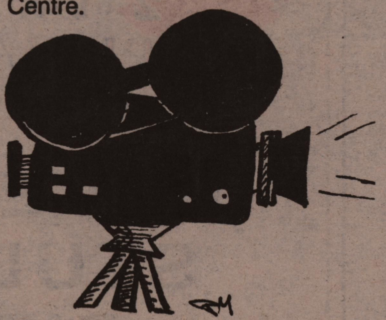


WEDNESDAY, OCT 6

LECTURE

"The Interests of English Canada" Prof. Dan Usher performs his Lansdowne Lecture at 2:30, Cornett A121.

"Return to Learning" Mature Students Study Skills and Support Group. Weds 3:30-4:30. Counselling Servies B202 University Centre.



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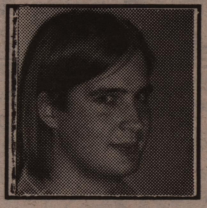

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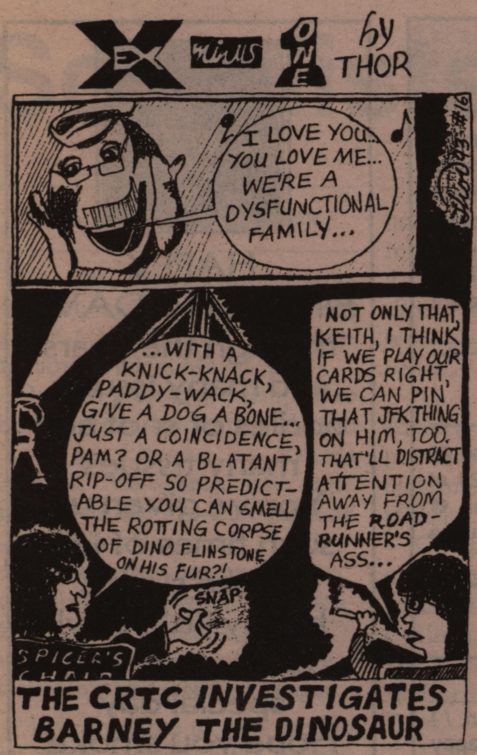
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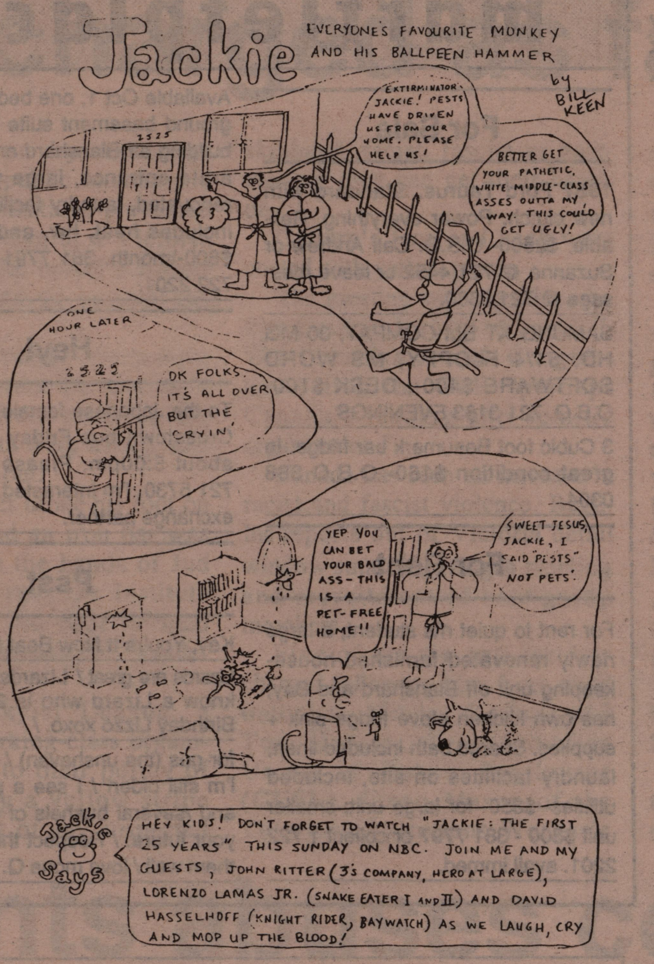
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EVERYONE'S FAVOURITE MONKEY AND HIS BALLPEEN HAMMER
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ONE HOUR LATER
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OK FOLKS. IT'S ALL OVER BUT THE CRYIN'
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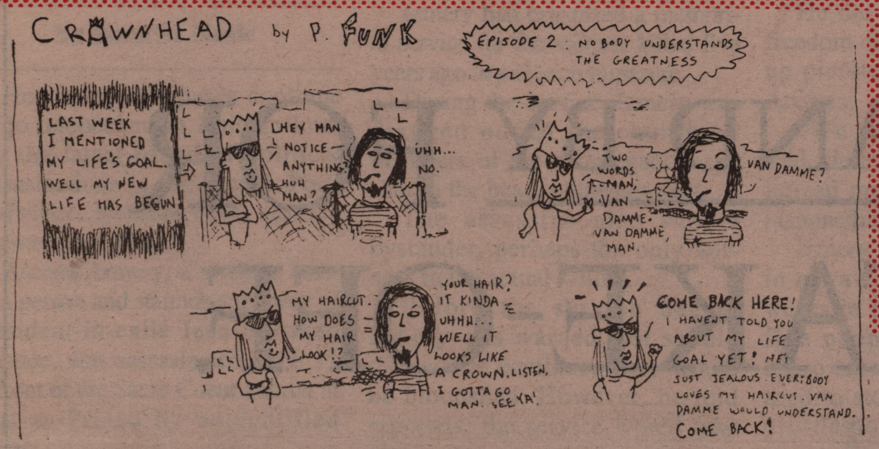
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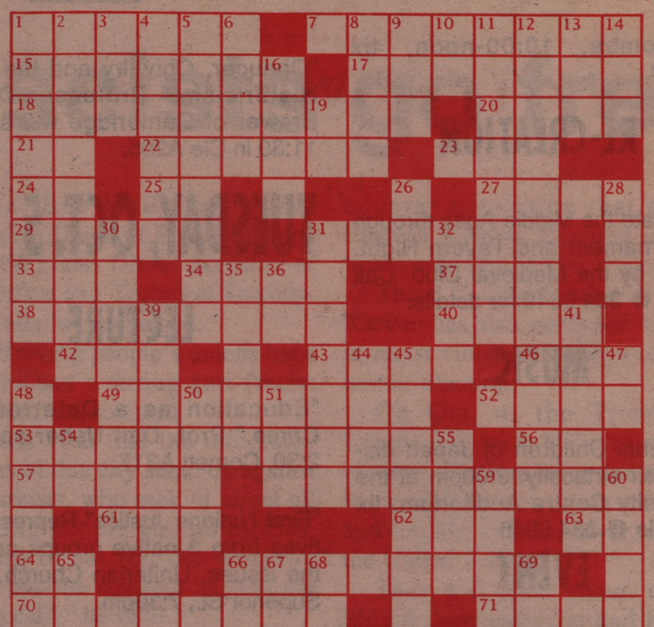
UHH... NO.
TWO WORDS MAN, VAN DAMME. VAN DAMME, MAN.
VAN DAMME?
MY HAIRCUT. HOW DOES MY HAIR LOOK!?
YOUR HAIR? IT KINDA UHHH... WELL IT LOOKS LIKE A CROWN. LISTEN, I GOTTA GO MAN. SEE YA!
COME BACK HERE! I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU ABOUT MY LIFE GOAL YET! HE'S JUST JEALOUS. EVERYBODY LOVES MY HAIRCUT. VAN DAMME WOULD UNDERSTAND. COME BACK!

"Cosmic" Crossword answers next week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THE "*COSMIC*" CROSSWORD

by Dan Hughes,
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& the Sub Caf smoking section crossword committee

ACROSS

1 one of a kind
7 gangly one
15 like a rounded lump
17 Soviet satellite
18 realm of Morpheus
20 "to ___ well"
21 expression of stupefaction
22 sexist term for nonspecialist
23 batter
24 City of Angels (abbr)
25 Mother
27 reactionary author Ayn ___
29 nautical term
31 malleable
33 nervous twitch
34 ___ cadabra
37 Dynamic ___
38 other worldly
40 electrical units
42 prog rock group
43 Ahab's nemesis
46 aged
49 war crime
52 soothsayer
53 out of body location
56 Freudian term
57 H_20 state
58 "___ ___ ___ you should know better!"
61 genetic code material
62 court
63 ___ Grimley
64 preposition
66 courageous
70 home of anemone
71 olden times

DOWN

1 ripple
2 just like everybody else (state)
3 chemistry suffix
4 fears
5 sounds like a Russian city, but it's not
6 "___ as pie"
8 cable network
9 mimic
10 Mandarin: "female"
11 19th century circus promoter
12 "slap," "buzz," etc.
13 nifty haircut
14 earn a meagre living
16 pigs
19 addicts support group (abbr)
26 ___ Joe
28 Polka ___ Door
30 "___ ___": reason for getting an A+
31 what you might call friend Milton
32 "___ ___ in the life."
35 pencil brand
36 Egyptian sun god
39 separate
41 type of hammer
44 Buckwheat affirmation
45 "___ ___ ___ should be in Tucson."
47 physician (abbr)
48 team symbol
50 "___ lama ding dong"
51 accountant
54 ___ Katherine
55 a bunch of vowels
59 ___ Tayt, circle researcher
60 U2 guitarist
65 "Fe ___ Fo Fum"
66 interjection
67 preposition
68 "you can call me __"
69 same as 67 Down

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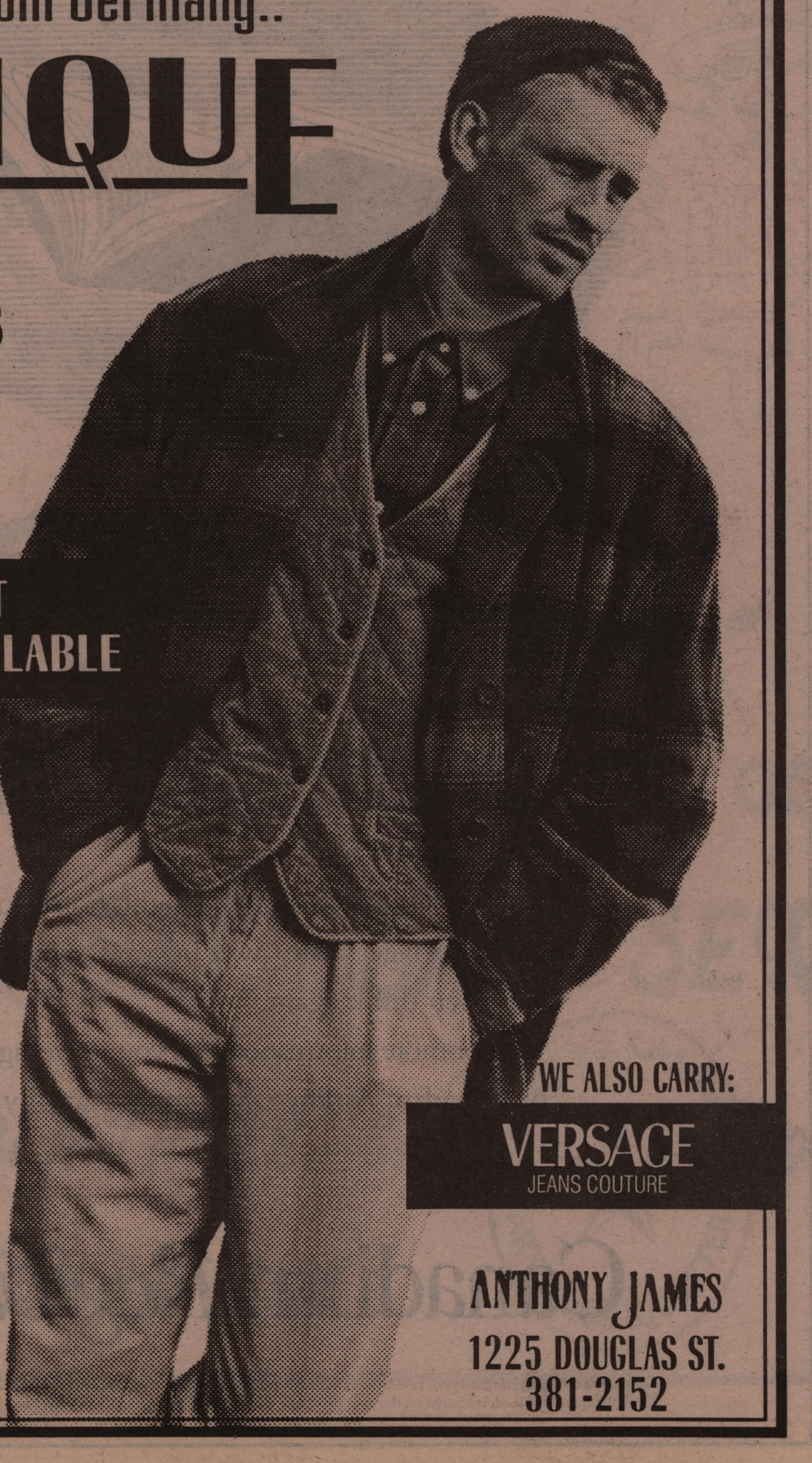

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